

The Dighton Public Library facility is a public entity designated by the citizens of Dighton to meet a range of needs and is available to persons of all ages. While everyone has equal right to access library services and facilities, no person has the right to interfere with the ability of others to use and enjoy library services, resources and facilities. The following behavior standards apply on the premises, **including library grounds**.

- **Dress appropriately for a public place.** At a minimum, proper attire covers the torso and feet. Obscenities emblazoned on clothing are inappropriate. Personal hygiene should be sufficient as to not offend others and to not leave stains/vermin on public property, e.g. furniture, books, keyboards, etc.
- **Behave appropriately for a public place.** Activities such as sleeping, dining, personal grooming, and physical expressions of intimacy are more appropriately performed at home. Public bathrooms are not suitable places for time-consuming routines. Except for very young children with their guardians, and disabled persons with their caregivers, only one person should occupy a bathroom, which is to be left in good condition for the next user.
- **Conduct yourself in a manner that does not interfere with other people's ability to use the library.** Auditory, visual, and olfactory distractions are unwelcome. Examples of these distractions are: loud cell phones, loud conversations, cameras, and laser pointers. Refrain from beeping and flashing and from recording the sound or image of other people without permission. Smoking, strong odors, and powerful fragrances present health issues for some people. Refrain from subjecting people to odors.
- **Treat other patrons and staff with courtesy.** Swearing is inappropriate. Vulgar language, gestures, and pantomimes are inappropriate. Teasing, harassing, threatening behavior, jostling, roughhousing, or throwing things is inappropriate. However subtle, intruding on the privacy of other patrons also is inappropriate. Rude behavior to patrons or staff will not be tolerated.
- **Treat public property with care.** Do not jeopardize the condition and longevity of public property, especially computers, with food and beverages. The library does not tolerate harsh or even negligent treatment of the property in its custody. The destruction of any property of the Library, Library Staff and/or Library patrons is considered vandalism.
- **Take responsibility for personal possessions.** Secure bicycles in the bicycle rack. Skateboards, roller blades, scooters, and similar equipment may not be used in the library or on the grounds and will be confiscated if not kept out of the way. Keep valuable items with you.
- **The use of e-cigarettes, tobacco products and other nicotine delivery devices are prohibited on library property.**
- **Have respect and obey criminal and civil codes of law.**
- **Report disturbing behaviors to library staff.**

Library staff have the authority to implement library policies and to determine appropriate standards of conduct. Patrons whose behavior is objectionable will be asked to leave. Minors may be asked to leave until a parent/guardian has been consulted. Failure to leave immediately, as requested, is regarded as trespassing.