

CARVER COUNTY LIBRARY  
BOARD POLICY

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PUBLIC CONDUCT  
IN THE LIBRARY

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The Library welcomes and encourages people of all ages to use library facilities, resources and services. To protect the rights and safety of library customers and staff and to protect property, we expect that individuals will obey laws and follow library policies and rules. Violators of laws or regulations are subject to local, state or federal prosecution. Following the Library Security Policy and Trespassing procedures for adults, access to library services and/or facilities may be denied for individuals who violate this policy.

Examples of unacceptable Library behavior include:

- Disturbing sound levels, whether caused by voice, cell phone, personal audio players, or other devices are prohibited.
- Smoking, chewing tobacco, and use of e-cigarettes pursuant to City codes are prohibited.
- Pursuant to the Unattended Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy, young children and vulnerable adults must not be left unattended and must have adequate supervision at all times. Carver County Library staff are not responsible for the care, safety or supervision of children and vulnerable adults.
- Careful use of library materials is required. Library furniture and other equipment must be used in the designated places. Damage to library property is prohibited under Minn. Stat. Sec. 609.541.
- Running, roller skating, skateboarding, roller blading, or similar activities are not permitted.
- Animals (except those specifically trained and identified to assist individuals or those participating in library programs) are prohibited from library facilities.
- Shoes and shirts must be worn in the library.
- Soliciting, petitioning, selling or campaigning are prohibited.

- Disruptive behavior will not be permitted. This includes but is not limited to: disorderly conduct, noise or activity-intentional or inadvertent-interference with the rights of others, physical abuse and abusive or threatening language.
- Carrying a weapon of any type into the library, unless authorized by law is prohibited.
- The use or possession of controlled substances as defined by Minn. Stat. Sec. 152.01 and 152.02 is prohibited.
- Failure to adhere to Carver County Library policy on the Internet and Internet Usage guidelines is prohibited.
- Tampering with or intentionally damaging computer hardware, software, printer, operating systems or other associated equipment is strictly prohibited.
- People shall not impede others' entrance to and exit from the library for whatever purpose.

To ensure that those using the library for appropriate purposes may enjoy an atmosphere conducive to such use and to protect library property, the Carver County Library will suspend use of its service and facilities to those persons who commit acts of vandalism to library materials and property, and to those who abuse borrowing privileges.

When necessary, Library staff will refer inappropriate conduct to the proper authorities for legal action in accordance with the Minnesota Criminal Code, Minn. Stat. Sec. 609.541, 609.595, and 609.72.