

FITZGERALD-BEN HILL COUNTY LIBRARY

Patron Responsibilities and Conduct

The library exists for all who wish to read and study in peaceful, attractive surroundings. To ensure the maintenance of such a pleasant environment, and to protect the resources of the library, the library board has established the following rules defining appropriate behavior for those who use the library. These behaviors are listed by way of illustration and not limitation.

- Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a responsible adult while in the library.
- No food or drinks are permitted.
- Shirt and shoes required.
- Please restrict cell phone use to outside the building so as not to disturb others.

The following behaviors are not permitted at the library:

- Use of tobacco products
- Being intoxicated or possessing intoxicants
- Using, giving away or selling any controlled substance
- Fighting
- Possessing dangerous weapons
- Exceeding acceptable noise levels
- Disruptive behaviors (running, throwing objects, etc.)
- Loitering
- Harassment of other patrons or staff
- Soliciting
- Using abusive or obscene language
- Knowingly destroying, damaging, defacing or removing any property not his/her own
- Entering unauthorized areas of the Library
- Exhibitionism/indecent behavior
- Use of television, radios
- Remaining in the building after closing
- Voyeurism
- Animals, except those assisting person with disabilities
- Summoning, without any good reason, by telephone or otherwise, the police or fire department
- Parking in handicapped spaces without appropriate permits.

Persons engaged in any of the above will be asked to leave the library premises. Persons who refuse to leave the library will be subject to arrest and prosecution for criminal trespass pursuant to Official Code of Georgia 16-7-21.

- Adopted by the Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Library Board of Trustees, April 23, 2002