



GDPL LIBRARY BEHAVIOURAL GUIDELINES

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The Gibsons & District Public Library believes that everyone has the right to equal treatment with respect to the access, use and enjoyment of the Library's services and facilities without discrimination.

Staff make every effort to apply the following rules in a fair, dignified and positive manner for the benefit of all. We ask your cooperation in maintaining a welcoming environment conducive to study and enjoyable use of the Library.

1. WE AGREE TO BE POLITE IN THE LIBRARY

Threatening, abusive, discriminatory or harassing language or conduct of any kind is not allowed.

2. WE TREAT THE LIBRARY AND ITS MATERIALS WITH RESPECT

Misuse, damage, or theft of library materials, furniture, equipment, and property is not allowed. Interfering with the designated use of computers and networks is also not allowed.

3. WE RESPECT OTHER PATRONS AND STAFF AND THEIR SPACE

Disruptive or intrusive behaviour is not allowed. Deep sleeping that results in disruptive snoring and sleep sounds is not allowed.

4. WE ARE QUIET IN THE COMPUTER AND STUDY AREAS OF THE LIBRARY

Internet workstations are quiet areas of the library.

5. CHILDREN ARE SUPERVISED APPROPRIATELY

Child minders/caregivers are responsible for ensuring that the children under their care are not disruptive within the library. Children requiring supervision must not be left unattended on library premises.

6. ONLY LIBRARY STAFF MAY POST MATERIALS IN THE LIBRARY

Posting notices, distributing circulars or petitions must be approved by library staff. Soliciting or engaging in any commercial activity on library property must not be conducted without prior written approval of the Library.

7. PERMISSION FROM LIBRARY STAFF IS REQUIRED BEFORE TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS

Photographing, filming or video recording in the library must not be conducted without prior written approval of the Library.

8. FOOTWEAR, SHIRTS AND PROPER ATTIRE IS REQUIRED

Members of the public must wear shirts and footwear and other appropriate attire. Use of sports equipment is not allowed on library property.

9. EATING AND DRINKING IN A TIDY MANNER IS ALLOWED OUTSIDE OF COMPUTER AREA

10. ONLY SERVICE ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED IN LIBRARY

Animals are not permitted in library buildings, except in authorized programs or when needed to assist a person with a disability.

Any behaviour that does not support a welcoming environment and/or violates these behavior guidelines may result in cost-recovery charges, suspension of library privileges, exclusion from the Library and, in appropriate cases, prosecution. An individual has the right to appeal his or her exclusion as described in GDPL Complaints Policy.

