

## CURRENT LIBRARY POLICY

*NOTE: The requested revision is italicized below under Rules for the Supervision of Minors.*

### Rules of Library Behavior

The library is a public place, and we ask our visitors to respect others by abiding by the following rules:

- Shoes are required for safety and health.
- Smoking or use of tobacco products or alcohol is not allowed in library buildings or attached patio areas.
- Bicycles must be parked and locked in designated areas.
- Rollerblades, skateboards, and roller skates may not be used in library entryways or walkways.
- Animals are not allowed in the library, except those needed to assist disabled people.
- Large shopping carts are not allowed in the library.
- Use of library restrooms for bathing or doing laundry is not permitted.
- Food and beverages must be consumed outside the library.
- Behavior must not disrupt other people's use of the library.
- Soliciting on library property is not allowed.
- If the library security system is triggered, customers may be asked to open their parcels and/or handbags for inspection.
- Harassment of staff and visitors is prohibited.
- Personal hygiene habits must not infringe upon other people's use of the library.
- Cell phones and pagers should be set to mute or vibrate while in the library.

### Rules for the Supervision of Minors

Parents, caregivers and teachers are responsible for the behavior of children under their supervision. A responsible adult must directly accompany preschool children at all times. *Children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by a parent or a responsible caregiver that is 12 years old or older.* Library staff cannot assume responsibility for children at any time. If an unattended child is in the library at closing time, police will be notified and asked to pick up the child. Library staff is not permitted to offer the child transportation home.

VISITORS WHO FAIL TO FOLLOW LIBRARY BEHAVIOR RULES MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- First offenders will be asked to leave the library property for one day.
- Second offenders will be asked to leave the library property for up to two days.
- Third offenders will be asked to leave the library property for up to one week.

- Fourth offenders will be asked to leave the library property for up to one month and will be barred from visiting all Ventura County Library branches during the period of barring.
- Violent behavior or harassment of staff or visitors may result in the offender being barred from all Ventura County Library branches for periods of one month or more, even if this offense is the offender's first.