



HURON PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Huron Public Library Rules of Conduct

The Library is intended to be an inviting, comfortable, clean, and safe place for reading, selecting materials, studying, writing, using computers, and attending Library authorized programs and meetings.

Library users are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that makes quiet study possible, respecting the rights of everyone to use the Library.

1. **These rules** are intended to ensure that all Library users may enjoy good service in pleasant surroundings.
2. **Enforcement of these rules** will be conducted in a fair and reasonable manner. Library staff and police officers are authorized to enforce these rules. Failure to comply with the Library's established rules and policies could result in removal from the premises and exclusion from the Library for a period of one day to one year, or an arrest or prosecution. Violations could also result in the restriction and/or termination of Library privileges, including the use of Library computers and other equipment. Notice of "no trespass" will be issued in cases of criminal offense.
3. **Individual users have the right** to request an administrative review of an exclusion order that is for a period greater than seven days.

Conduct not allowed on Library property:

- a. Engaging in any activity in violation of federal, state, local, or other applicable law or Library policy.
- b. Failing to comply with a reasonable staff request.
- c. Being under the influence of alcohol/illegal drugs, and selling, using, or possessing alcohol/illegal drugs.
- d. Verbally, physically, or sexually threatening or harassing other users, volunteers, or staff, including stalking, loitering, offensive touching, and obscene acts such as sex acts and indecent exposure.
- e. Solicitation (including commercial or political).
- f. Selling or attempting to sell items or services on Library property.
- g. Stealing, damaging, altering, or inappropriate use of property, furniture, or equipment in the Library or on Library grounds.
- h. Trespassing in non-public areas, being in the Library without permission of an authorized Library employee before or after Library operating hours.
- i. Fighting or challenging to fight, running, pushing, shoving, or throwing things.

- j. Creating disruptive noises such as loud talking, screaming, or banging on equipment or furniture.
- k. Group activities, which are disruptive to the Library environment.
- l. Using audible devices without headphones or with headphones set at a volume that disturbs others.
- m. Cell phones, pagers, and other communication devices may be used in the library, but must not be disruptive to other patrons. Using speakerphone is not permitted.
- n. Using restrooms for bathing or shampooing, doing laundry or changing clothes.
- o. Littering.
- p. Smoking, chewing, and other tobacco use in Library.
- q. Being in the Library barefoot, without a shirt, or being otherwise attired to be disruptive to the Library environment.
- r. Leaving packages, backpacks, luggage, or any other personal items unattended. These unattended items are subject to immediate confiscation.
- s. Using wheeled devices in the Library including skateboards, skates, bikes, and scooters (except for baby strollers and ADA-assistive devices; e.g., wheelchairs).
- t. Lying down or sleeping in the Library.
- u. Blocking aisles, exits, or entrances.
- v. Bringing pets or animals, other than service animals necessary for disabilities, into the Library.

Food and Beverages

Beverages in containers with lids and snacks are permitted in all areas of the Library, except in the South Dakota Room and in any area that is posted as being prohibited.

Children and Young People in the Library Policy

The Huron Public Library welcomes use by children, tweens and teens and offers a wealth of materials and services for their education and enjoyment. The safety of children and young people are of the utmost concern for the staff. However, the safety and responsibility of 12th graders and under, at the library, remains primarily with the parent or caregiver and not with the library or its staff. This policy outlines the expectations and guidelines for use of the library by children and young people.

Children, tweens and teens using the Library must follow the Library Rules of Conduct. Any children and/or young people behaving inappropriately may be required to leave the Library.

When necessary, the Library will contact the Police Department to assist a child, tween or teen in need of adult supervision. Thirty minutes before closing time, Library staff will remind young people to contact a parent/caregiver for a ride home. If a responsible person cannot be reached, the police may be called for a ride home or a well-being check. Library staff will not give rides home.

Kids' Korner

Parents and/or caregivers are responsible for directly supervising their children (3rd grade and under) in the Library. Caregiver is defined as a person 6th grade and older. The Library does not provide long- or short-term childcare. Directly supervised means in sight of and in the immediate vicinity of the child being actively watched.

Family restrooms in children's areas are reserved for use by children and their caregivers.

Adults may not use children's areas as a general reading room. Adults unaccompanied by children and not actively using children's library materials or resources will be directed to use other areas of the Library.

Tween and Teen Areas

Use of the Tween and Teen areas of the Library is limited to tweens and teens between grades 4th through 12th and adults browsing the teen collection. Adults and young children may not participate or observe programming. Younger children may use the area if a parent or caregiver accompanies them.

Adults may not use the tween and teens areas as a general reading room. Adults unaccompanied by children, tween or teen and not actively using library materials or resources will be directed to use other areas of the Library.