

Acceptable Behavior Policy

The South Dennis Free Public Library encourages people of all ages to use its facilities and resources for research, reference, study, reading, and browsing. Good public service requires that the library environment be conducive to study, reading, and research. This necessitates the willingness of all library users to be considerate of the rights of others to work safely and undisturbed. To ensure that such an environment exists, the library has established guidelines for behavior in library facilities.

1. Patrons should at all times be aware that they are in a shared, public space. This means that conversation, including cell phone conversation, should be carried on at a level that does not disturb or interfere with other patrons.
2. The following activities are inappropriate to the library setting and are prohibited in the South Dennis Free Public Library or on its grounds:
 - a. Smoking or use of tobacco products. This includes, but is not limited to, electronic cigarettes, or electronic vaping devices.
 - b. Creating a disturbance by making noise, talking loudly, or engaging in other disruptive conduct.
 - c. Interfering with another person's right to use the library or with the library staff's performance of their duties.
 - d. Verbally or physically threatening or harassing other visitors, library staff or volunteers, including stalking, staring, touching, or using offensive language, and including, but not limited to violence, threats of violence, and possession of weapons.
 - e. Playing audio equipment so that others can hear it.
 - f. Soliciting or canvassing of any kind.
 - g. Leaving a child under the age of ten unattended in the library.
 - h. Defacing library materials or property. Those who damage or deface library materials or property may be prosecuted. Parents may be held liable for damage done by a child under 18.
4. Failure to comply with one or more of the library's policies may result in suspension of library privileges.