

Black Watch Memorial Library

General Rules and Regulations

In order to maintain a safe and welcoming environment for reading, learning and other Library activities, the Black Watch Memorial Library requires all visitors to comply with the following General Rules and Regulations:

The following are NOT allowed at the Black Watch Memorial Library:

- Engaging in conduct that disrupts or interferes with normal operation of the Library, or that disturbs staff or other Library visitors. Such conduct includes:
 - ✓ Harassing or threatening behavior.
 - ✓ Using obscene or abusive language gestures.
 - ✓ Making unreasonable noise, including talking on a cell phone or otherwise.
- Engaging in sexual conduct or lewd behavior. This includes viewing of pornographic and objectionable material on the internet.
- Having a knife, gun or any other weapon.
- Smoking within 50 feet of the Library.
- Eating or drinking.
- Using alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Sleeping in the Library or at the Library's entrance.
- Making unreasonable use of the restroom.
- Soliciting money, petitioning or canvassing.
- Using a bicycle, skates, skateboard, scooter or similar items in or on the Library property.
- Parking of bicycles on Library sidewalks and entryways. A bike rack has been made available for this purpose.
- Animals, with the exception of animals assisting persons with disabilities.
- Damaging, defacing, or misusing any Library materials or property. This includes disabling Library equipment, changing the hardware or software settings on a Library computer, or using a Library computer for a purpose other than that designated by the Library.
- Engaging in any activity in violation of federal, state, local or other applicable law or Library policies.

Please also be aware that:

- The Library is not responsible for personal items that are lost, stolen, or damaged on Library premises.
- Library staff may inspect any of your property when you come in or leave.
- You must wear clothing and shoes in the library; and your body odor must not be so offensive that it disturbs others.
- Selling of any goods or services at the discretion of the Library Board.
- Some items in the Library may not be copied because of copyright laws, poor condition, or donor restrictions.
- The Library is not responsible for children who are left unattended on Library Premises: please see the Library's *Unattended Children Policy*.
- Library staff may ask visitors to show their Library cards or other ID at any time.
- Large groups that want to visit the Library have to get permission before they visit.
- Photography and recording are not allowed on Library premises without prior permission.

Visitors with disabilities may ask the Library staff for reasonable accommodations.

Visitors who do not follow the Library's General Rules and Regulations may be asked to leave and may lose their Library privileges. They can also be arrested or be subject to other legal action.