LIBRARY BEHAVIOR

The Bozeman Public Library encourages people of all ages to visit the Library. Those using the Library and its resources have the right to expect a safe, comfortable environment that supports appropriate library services.

People demonstrating disruptive behavior will be required to leave the Library after one warning from Library staff; children between the ages of seven to eighteen will be asked to leave after two warnings from Library staff. Disruptive behavior includes, but is not limited to: noisy, boisterous actions; inappropriate behavior, including eating, smoking, running, or loud talking; misuse of Library property; uncooperative attitude; or actions that deliberately annoy others or prevent the legitimate use of the Library and its resources. Abusive language and behavior toward staff will not be tolerated.

Personal appliances, such as computers, cassette players, and calculators, may be used if the noise level is low and use does not interfere with others. Portable telephone and pagers should be turned off or switched to a non-audible signal and should be answered outside the Library.

Young children are not safe when left unattended in the Library. Staff cannot know if children are leaving with a parent, a friend, or a stranger. Library staff will not deliberately seek out unattended children; however, unattended children frequently become disruptive when they are bored. Parents are responsible for ensuring the appropriate behavior of their children while in the Library. If a parent or other responsible adult cannot be located, unattended children who are disruptive will be placed in the care of the police. Under no circumstances will library staff take a child out of the building or transport children to another location.

According to Animal Control Chapter 6.04.070 of the Bozeman Municipal Code, “A. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any animal to fail to keep such animal under restraint or to permit such animal to run at large upon the streets and public ways of the City.” Staff will call Dispatch at 582-2000 to have a loose animal picked up. No animal is allowed to become a nuisance, and a chained animal on Library grounds becomes a potential nuisance due to biting, barking, intimidation, or defecation; staff will use the loudspeaker to announce to Library patrons that such a chained animal needs to be removed within fifteen (15) minutes. If the animal is still there ten (10) minutes later, a second announcement will be made. At the end of fifteen (15) minutes, Dispatch will be called to remove the animal.

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