

Library Conduct

The library will serve all residents of the community and the public library system area. Service will not be denied or abridged because of religious, racial, social, economic, or political status; or because of mental, emotional, or physical condition; age; gender, or sexual orientation. The use of the library may be denied for due cause. The Library Board of Trustees, hereby referred to as the Board of Trustees, is committed to providing an atmosphere where people of all ages may come to use the library's collection and facilities without being unduly disturbed or impeded by other library users. If a patron is not responsive to the needs of other library users or disregards library policies, the patron will be asked to leave the building.

The Turtle Lake Public Library welcomes everyone to use Library facilities and resources for learning, reading, studying, writing, and obtaining information. Our goal is to provide our library patrons and staff with a clean, pleasant and safe environment. We need your cooperation to reach this goal. The following are specific guidelines that the library will enforce for a better library.

Specific Guidelines:

1. Any behavior that disrupts or hinders public use of the library is prohibited on library property. This includes, but is not limited to, loud or boisterous behavior, verbal or physical harassment, intoxication, being in the library without a shirt or shoes, and remaining in the building after regular closing hours.
2. No food or drink permitted in the library. The consumption of beverages is only allowed in covered containers.
3. Electronic or other types of personal equipment may be used in the library as long as this equipment does not disturb other library users. Headphone use is required if listening to anything on the computer. The courteous use of cell phones is permitted; however, if a ringing phone or a patron's conversation disturbs library users, staff may ask the patron to use the cell phone in the lobby or outside the building.
4. Animals, except those used to aid persons with disabilities, are not permitted in the library, unless they are part of a library-sponsored program. Animals may not be left unattended on library property.
5. Unauthorized filming, selling, panhandling, or soliciting in the Library building, on the grounds or in the parking lot will not be permitted.
6. Taking surveys, circulating petitions, distributing leaflets and canvassing for signatures are permitted in the library only when authorized by library administration.
7. Carrying firearms and dangerous weapons of any type (except by law enforcement officers) is prohibited. Per statute, signage is posted at all public entrances to the library.
8. The use of tobacco or e-cigarette products is prohibited on library grounds; this includes public spaces such as sidewalks and parking areas within 25 feet of all library entrances.
9. A brief written report of any incident involving theft, vandalism, illegal activity or major disruptive behavior will be filed with the Library Director as soon as possible after its occurrence. The Library Director, acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees, may suspend the library privileges of any individual who willfully violates library regulations when the severity or continued re-occurrence warrants such action. The person whose privileges are suspended shall be advised in writing of the suspension.

and the reason for such action. The person shall be informed that the suspension may be appealed at the next regularly scheduled Library Board meeting.

10. Be watchful of personal possessions. The Library is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen personal possessions. Unattended belongings may be picked up and stored by library staff.