

**RITA AND TRUETT SMITH PUBLIC LIBRARY
PATRON BEHAVIOR POLICY
Approved by the Library Board on September 9, 2013**

The Rita and Truett Smith Public Library (the “Library”) facilities are created for the specific purpose of providing an enjoyable and educational environment where the public can access the Library’s collection of books as well as its multimedia and technology resources. It is expected that patrons shall be engaged in activities associated with use of a public library while in the building. As the Library is a facility owned and operated by the City, each Library user is expected to exercise reasonable care in his/her use of the facilities. The Library Board Policy governing the Use of the Library outline behaviors appropriate for such use and those uses deemed inappropriate.

Patrons who violate rules and guidelines may be subject to disciplinary action and possible suspension at the discretion of the on-duty supervisor for a term of one (1) day up to one (1) year. Suspension may include criminal trespass charges filed with the City of Wylie Police Department. Patrons may be suspended from City Hall, the Recreation Center, Bart Peddicord Community Center and the Library. Rules and Regulations are subject to change.

Admittance to the facility is allowed only during designated open hours.

All state laws and local ordinances regarding public behavior shall apply.

The following behaviors are not acceptable:

- Abusive behavior towards staff or other patrons
- Abusing or vandalizing library facilities or equipment
- Bringing birds and/or other animals into the library (except assistance dogs)
- Gambling
- Illegal Acts
- Mutilating library materials
- Playing audio equipment so that others can hear it
- Removing library materials from the building without checking them out
- Sleeping
- Smoking (includes the act of burning any tobacco product, weed, filter or plant of any kind, or any cigarette, cigar, pipe, hookah, water pipe or any other device City Ordinance Sec. 74-2) and electronic cigarettes.
- Profanity
- Littering
- Spitting
- Staring
- Indecent exposure
- Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs. If a patron is suspected to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol the police will be dispatched immediately.
- Soliciting funds or offering goods or services for sale
- Talking loudly, making loud noises, or using cellular phones so that it disturbs other patrons
- Using restrooms for washing clothes or bathing
- Using the restrooms for the opposite gender
- Voyeurism and peeping

- Using/riding roller blades, skateboards, heellies or any other wheeled shoes on Library property (including parking lot areas on Library property).

Children ages nine (9) and under must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for their children's behavior while in the library.

Adult patrons without children, who are not in the Children's Section to select materials, nor to consult with library staff, shall be required to move to another area in the library.

Only individuals from sixth to twelfth grade can use the Teen Room. Any individual outside that grade range, who is not in the Teen Room to select materials, nor to consult with library staff, shall be required to move to another area in the library.

Teen programs are for children in grades sixth through twelfth.

Parents may be in the Teen Room with their child if their child is between grades sixth and twelfth.

Patrons will not use any equipment that appears broken, malfunctioning or defective or remove signage indicating the equipment is out of service or not to be used. Patrons will immediately report problems to library staff.

Food and drink are allowed in designated areas only.

Shoes and shirt are required.

Bicycles must be chained to the outside bicycle rack.

The Library is not responsible for any property losses or personal injury occurring on Library Property.

POLICIES GOVERNING THE USE OF THE LIBRARY BY CHILDREN

Supervision of children during open hours:

Children age nine (9) and under should be supervised at all times by a responsible adult.

If a child age nine (9) and under is unattended and a responsible adult cannot be located, library staff will call the police.

Disruptive children during open hours:

Disruptive children age nine (9) and under will be asked to leave the library. Staff will permit the child to call a parent. Depending on the severity of the situation, staff may call the police.

Unsupervised children after closing:

Children age nine (9) and under who have not been picked up at closing time will be given the opportunity to call a parent. If they are unable to contact a parent or responsible adult, staff will call the police.