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## **Bushnell-Sage Library Patron Behavior and Conduct Policy**

### **Purpose**

Bushnell-Sage Library (BSL) wishes to maintain a comfortable and safe atmosphere for all library patrons and staff. Appropriate behavior is necessary for everyone to work, study and enjoy the facility. The following policy on behavior in the library and on the grounds has been established. The policy will be courteously, but firmly, enforced by library staff.

### **Rules for public behavior and conduct are necessary to:**

- Protect the rights of individuals to use library materials and services.
- Protect the rights of library employees to conduct library business without interference.
- Preserve library facilities and materials from harm or theft.
- Ensure the safety of library patrons and employees.

### **Behavior that interferes with the rights of others:**

- Improper dress including bare feet and no shirt.
- Unreasonable noise including: loud talking, singing, shouting, boisterous behavior, cell phone, and audio/visual equipment usage.
- Use of profanity or loud conversations which are disturbing to other patrons or employees.
- Abusing library furniture, equipment, materials or vandalizing any library property.
- Possessing, selling, distributing, consuming or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, illegal drugs or controlled substance.
- Fighting or challenging to fight, running, pushing, shoving or throwing things on Library Property.
- Possessing weapons or other items deemed dangerous by library staff.
- Engaging in any behavior that is disruptive, threatening or harassing in nature to patrons or staff including stalking, staring, impeding access to the building or property, lurking, offensive touching and obscene acts or gestures, sex acts and indecent exposure.
- The Library reserves the right to inspect all bags, purses, briefcases, backpacks, etc. for library material.