

**EDWARD F. OWEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
PATRON BEHAVIOR POLICY**

1. Food and/or beverages are not allowed in the library, except at designated times or in designated areas.

2. The following activities are not allowed in the library.

* Smoking. (Iowa General Laws 142B).

* Alcohol or illegal drugs.

* Abusive or obscene language, talking loudly, or engaging in other disruptive conduct.

* Interfering with another person's rights to use the library or with the library staff's performance of their duties.

* Threatening behavior, including, but not limited to, violence, threats of violence, and possession of weapons.

* Bringing animals into the library except those needed to assist a disabled person.

* Playing audio equipment so that others can hear it.

* Misusing the rest rooms (i.e. using them for bathing, shaving, etc. or as a laundry facility for clothing).

* Soliciting or canvassing of any kind.

* Entering "Staff Only" areas without permission.

* Leaving a child under the age of 10 unattended in the library.

* Running.

* Sleeping.

* Engaging in excessive displays of public affection.

* Not maintaining proper personal hygiene.

3. Those who damage or deface library materials or property will be prosecuted. Parents can be liable for damage done by a child under age 18. (IGL 702.22)

4. Theft of library materials, use of false identification to obtain a library card, or use of another person's library card is against State Law and will be prosecuted. (IGL 714.5)

5. Parents are responsible for the behavior of their children, and the supervision of their children under age 10.

6. Patrons may be asked to check in book bags, backpacks or coats.

7. All bicycles must be left in the racks provided.

8. Persons should have appropriate clothes, shoes, and shirts. No roller blades or skateboards are allowed in the library.

9. Patrons using library computers cannot allow their children to misbehave or leave them unsupervised.

10. Library personnel are not responsible for the care of unsupervised children.

11. Cell phone use is prohibited in the library.