

Pulaski Public Library Patron Responsibility

The following rules and regulations of the Pulaski Public Library were adopted by the Board of Trustees on April 13, 2021.

Who May Use the Library:

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; or sexual orientation. The library makes every effort to be fully A.D.A compliant.

Patron Responsibilities and Conduct:

- A. Please turn cell phones to "vibrate only" mode or turn off power while inside the library. Patrons are asked to step outside of the library to talk on their cell phones.
- B. Patrons are not permitted to use the library for napping or sleeping.
- C. Weapons or instruments/devices that may be used as a weapon are not allowed in the library.
- D. Patrons who create a public nuisance may be restricted from the library and from use of the library facilities at the discretion of the library director **or the staff in charge during the Library Director's absence.** Those unwilling to leave or who do not leave within a reasonable length of time after being instructed to do so by the staff will be subject to the law.
- E. The use of the library may be denied for due cause. Such cause may be:
 - Failure to return library materials or to pay fines
 - Destruction of library property
 - Disturbance of other patrons due to objectionable language, odor, behavior
 - Illegal, disruptive or objectionable conduct on library premises including alcohol or drug use, sexually inappropriate behavior, or violent behavior
 - Violation of any of the above outlined rules
- F. **The library is a drug, tobacco and alcohol free campus. Therefore, the use of these products on library property is prohibited.**

- G. No food or beverages will be allowed in any of the computer/printer areas.
- H. No animals are allowed in the library, except service animals or those used to facilitate library programs.
- I. Taking surveys, distributing leaflets, and other similar activities are permitted only when authorized by the Library Director. Solicitations are absolutely NOT allowed.
- J. Patrons must be properly attired. Shirt and shoes are required.

Young Children:

The Pulaski Public Library encourages visits by young children and it is our desire to make this important visit both memorable and enjoyable for the child. Library staff is not expected to assume responsibility for the care of unsupervised children in the library. Therefore, it is library policy that all children under the age of 10 must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or designated responsible person while in the library. If the young child is attending a library program, we require the parent/responsible person to remain in the library throughout the program.

The library staff is not responsible for supervising children left alone when the library is closed but will make attempts to reach a parent or caregiver for immediate pick-up. If a parent cannot be reached within 15 minutes of the closing of the library, the police department will be called to pick up the child. Under no circumstances will the staff member drive a child home. Parents who habitually leave their child at the library may be fined \$25.00 for every half hour that a library staff person must wait with the child.

Children of all ages are encouraged to use the library for homework, recreational reading and program attendance. The library staff realizes that the library will be noisier at busy times and that children by nature can cause more commotion. However, children (whether with parents or not) who are being continually disruptive will be given a warning that he/she must settle down or will be asked to leave the library. If, after a second warning, the child continues to be disruptive, he/she will be asked to leave the library. If the child needs to contact a parent, they may do so and then wait with a staff person until the parent arrives.