



NEVINS LIBRARY

GROWING COMMUNITY

Disruptive Behavior Policy

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While modern libraries are no longer hushed, quiet “temples of learning” visitors and staff should be able to expect an orderly, safe, and relatively peaceful environment in the library. Patrons who continually disregard the library’s rules and engage in activities within the library that infringe on the rights of other patrons to enjoy the library and its resources will be spoken to and asked to conform their behavior to meet the requirements of correct library behavior. If they are unable to do so or need to be reminded repeatedly the following steps may be taken:

An individual’s rights and privileges regarding library usage may be restricted. These restrictions may include but are not limited to: loss of privilege for one day, one week or several months depending on the severity of the behaviors exhibited. The types of restrictions may vary depending on the situation.

In the most severe cases an adult may be declared a criminal trespasser and therefore not be allowed to return for a specified period of time. At the end of that period the person may be required to meet personally with the Library director. Future use is contingent on the continued compliance with library rules.

A minor may be restricted from using the library and their privileges may not be reinstated until they and their parent or guardian have met with the Library Director, or until other conditions are met. Continued use by the minor is contingent on following those conditions which have been agreed upon by all parties involved.

If there is repeated and serious abuse of library rules and regulations, Methuen Police may become involved at which time the recommendations of law enforcement will be considered as a top priority.