

## Patron Behavior

The Board of Directors of the Taylorville Public Library delegates to the librarian and library staff the responsibility for maintenance of acceptable behavior within the library building and on library property. The Taylorville Public Library encourages people of all ages to visit the library. Those using the library and its resources have the right to expect a safe, comfortable environment that supports appropriate library services.

The atmosphere of the library should be conducive to the use of the library materials and patron behavior should correspond to this purpose. Courtesy to other patrons of the library and the library staff should be practiced at all times. A reasonable amount of conversation and movement is acceptable, but activities interfering with others' proper use of the library will result in disciplinary measures by the staff. Adults and children demonstrating disruptive behavior will be required to leave the library after two warnings from the library staff. Disruptive behavior includes but is not limited to: excessive noise; inappropriate behavior such as eating, smoking, running, use of roller blades and skateboards; misuse of library property; uncooperative attitude, or actions that deliberately annoy others or prevent the legitimate use of the library and its resources. Abusive language and behavior toward staff will not be tolerated. Staff members have the authority to request quiet behavior, or, if there is no response to this request, to ask the person to leave the library building.

Persons under the influence of drugs/alcohol or committing other criminal or inappropriate behavior will be asked to leave. If such persons react adversely, the police will be contacted.

Children over age nine (9) may be left unattended provided they are mature enough to stay alone and observe proper conduct. Children are subject to the same rules of conduct as other patrons, and the same consequences, and may be asked to leave if their behaviors are disruptive.