



## NOTICE TO ALL USERS OF JACKSON/HINDS LIBRARY SYSTEM

The Library is for reading, studying, writing, participating in scheduled programs or meeting, and using library materials. We ask your cooperation in maintaining an environment in which all library patrons may use and enjoy the resources, services, and facilities. These rules are posted for the comfort and protection of all who use the Library. They will be firmly but courteously enforced by library staff/security. Patron must comply with these rules.

### **The following behaviors and activities are prohibited on library property (inside or outside library buildings):**

- ❖ Acts that are subject to prosecution under criminal or civil codes of law.
- ❖ Physical abuse, assault, public lewdness, indecent exposure or disorderly conduct.
- ❖ Use of obscene, abusive, insulting, or threatening language.
- ❖ Possessing or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- ❖ Damaging or destroying library property.
- ❖ Carrying a weapon.
- ❖ Staring, stalking, harassment, or other behavior that reasonably can be expected to disturb others.
- ❖ Tampering with security or safety devices.
- ❖ Smoking within 25 feet of a public entrance.
- ❖ Selling/soliciting (approaching citizens with items for sale or pleas for donation).
- ❖ Spreading out the contents of bags on library property. Unattended bags represent a safety and security risk and may not be left on library property.
- ❖ Skates, skateboards and roller blades are not allowed.

### **The following behaviors and activities are prohibited in library buildings:**

- ❖ Abuse or vandalism of library facilities, furniture, computers, equipment and materials.
- ❖ Smoking or other tobacco use.
- ❖ Eating or drinking (except water in covered containers), except in designated areas.
- ❖ Bringing in packaged or unpackaged food, except in designated areas.
- ❖ Bringing in any animals except animals assisting persons with disabilities.
- ❖ Not wearing shoes or a shirt.
- ❖ Sleeping or putting your head on a table (except for infants), sitting on tables or stair steps and putting your feet or legs on furniture.
- ❖ Producing or allowing any loud, unreasonable or disturbing noises including those from electronic and communication devices.
- ❖ Rearranging any library furnishing.
- ❖ Taking library materials into restrooms.
- ❖ Using library restrooms for changing clothes, shaving, bathing or any purpose other than for which restrooms are intended.
- ❖ Offensive bodily hygiene that constitutes a nuisance to others.
- ❖ Bringing in bedrolls, blankets, frame backpacks, suitcases or bags measuring more than two feet in length or height. A maximum of two bags of any type will be allowed. Bags should not be left unattended.
- ❖ Bringing in any items that could be potentially be used as weapons, including but not limited to sporting equipment, such as baseball bats, skateboards, etc.
- ❖ Distributing or posting printed materials/literature not in accordance with library regulations.
- ❖ Entering into any staff work area without permission.
- ❖ Viewing material deemed to be obscene, child pornography or harmful to minors (Mississippi Code 97-5-29)

Parents/guardians/care givers are responsible for monitoring the activities and regulating the behavior of their children while in the library. Children under the age of ten may not be left unattended at any time. Children aged 10 and older should not be left unattended for extended periods of time or at closing time.

All library materials must be properly checked out. If library staff/security has reasonable suspicion that a library patron is attempting to exit the library with library materials that have not been checked out, the patron may be questioned and may be asked to open any item of sufficient size to contain library materials for inspection. Theft of library materials is a serious offense and may result in prosecution and permanent exclusion from the library.

Anyone known to have violated any of the above rules may be asked to leave the library as a matter of administrative policy and/or arrested as permitted by law. Severe offenses may result in exclusion from the library.