



Hobbs Public Library  
HOBBS, NM

## BEHAVIOR POLICY

The Hobbs Public Library welcomes all persons to our facility. We strive to give residents of all ages the means to continue to grow and learn throughout their lives; to get answers to their questions; to find, evaluate, and use information effectively; to satisfy their recreational reading interests; and to meet and interact with others in the community.

To this end, this Behavior Policy promotes an environment that encourages all patrons to use the Library in a safe and respectful manner. Libraries are public places where each person is responsible for his/her safety, the safety of children in his/her care, and the security of personal belongings.

**By using the Hobbs Public Library, patrons agree to the following code of conduct:**

Patrons shall respect the right of others to use the Library in a peaceful atmosphere.

Patrons are responsible for the safety and behavior of their children while the children are in the Library.

While in the Library, patrons shall not harass or annoy others:

- through noisy or boisterous behavior
- by playing audio equipment or using cell phones so that others can hear them
- by using obscene or abusive language or actions
- through threatening behavior of any kind
- by stalking or harassing staff or patrons
- by behaving in a manner which reasonably can be expected to interfere with another person's use of the Library or with staff duties

While in the Library, patrons shall not:

- smoke or use tobacco or tobacco products
- take Library materials into the restroom
- run
- leave children under the age of eight unattended
- be under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- engage in any illegal activity while in the Library building
- deface or mar Library materials including books, magazine, newspapers, recordings, or other items
- enter the building without shirt or shoes
- bathe in the restrooms
- bring pets or animals into the Library, other than service dogs
- solicit for sales or contributions

In summary, Library patrons are expected to behave in a civil, respectful, and non-disruptive manner. Harassing or repeatedly disrupting staff or other Library patrons will not be tolerated. Failure to abide by this policy (and all other Library policies) may result in suspension from the Library, loss of Library privileges, or other legal and/or law enforcement action.

**Adopted by the Hobbs Public Library Board**

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