

Ivan O. Davis - Liberty Library Patron Behavior Policy

Patrons are expected to:

- Respect library policies and procedures.
- Respect rights and privacy of other patrons and staff.
- Be responsible for the safety and behavior of children or dependents in their care.
- Be responsible for the selection choices of their own minor children.
- Be responsible for materials borrowed and fees incurred by themselves or their own minor children (see Title 17-A: MAINE CRIMINAL CODE included).

Disruptive Behavior Disruptive or threatening behavior by adult patrons or by unattended or unruly children will not be tolerated and may result in the suspension of library privileges. This behavior may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Willful destruction of, or damage to any Library property.
- Removal of Library property from the building without authorization through established lending procedures.
- Lacking shirt, shoes or basic clothing.
- Talking on cell phone.
- Threats towards another person.
- Engaging in any illegal behavior or activity.
- Sexual misconduct.
- Leaving children under the age of 8 unattended.
- Activities or behaviors that interfere with others' use of the library, or with the ability of staff to perform their duties.

Pets Bringing animals (other than those certified to assist the disabled) into the library without permission is not permitted.

Food and drink Patrons are not permitted to bring alcoholic beverages into the library. No food or drink is permitted near the computers.

Smoking Smoking is not permitted on library premises.

Patrons exhibiting any behavior deemed inappropriate by library staff may be asked to leave.

Title 17-A: MAINE CRIMINAL CODE
Part 2: SUBSTANTIVE OFFENSES
Chapter 15: THEFT

360. Unauthorized use of property

1. A person is guilty of theft if:

C. Having custody of property pursuant to a rental or lease agreement with the owner of the property or a borrower's agreement with a library or museum whereby the property is to be returned to the owner at a specified time and place, the person knowingly fails to comply with the agreed terms concerning return of such property without the consent of the owner, for so lengthy a period beyond the specified time for return as to render the retention or possession or other failure to return a gross deviation from the agreement. For purposes of this paragraph, proof that the person fails to return the property within 5 days of receiving a written demand from the owner, mailed by certified or registered mail or delivered by hand after the expiration of the rental period to the most current address known to the owner, gives rise to a permissible inference under the Maine Rules of Evidence, Rule 303 of a gross deviation from the agreement. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime; or [2003, c. 510, Pt. C, §4 (AMD).]

See complete Statute at <http://legislature.maine.gov/legis/statutes/17-a/title17-asec360.html>