

## Argyle Free Library: Behavior Policy

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

It is the mission of the Argyle Free Library “to meet the changing needs of all persons for education, personal enrichment and recreation.” Therefore, the library offers services to all community members regardless of age, sex, racial or ethnic origin, or religious or political affiliation. The library staff is committed to creating and maintaining a quiet and inviting environment for all library users.

### **REGULATIONS**

Patrons are asked to adhere to the following rules of behavior in order to maintain an appropriate environment:

1. Engaging in disruptive or threatening behavior is not tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to using abusive or obscene language, verbally, physically or sexually harassing others, stealing or damaging library property, or creating a hazardous or physically offensive condition. Do not bring weapons into the library.
2. Please talk quietly, including when talking on cell phones. If a lengthy conversation will disturb other patrons, please take the conversation outside.
3. Use computers and other audio equipment in such a way that sound is not disturbing to others.
4. Food and beverages are not allowed at computer work stations. Please carry beverages in closed containers.
5. Children under age 8 should not be unattended in the library. Parents/guardians are responsible for their children’s behavior.
6. Smoking or the use of tobacco products is not allowed. Do not bring alcohol or illicit drugs onto library property.
7. Please do not solicit or engage in sales without permission from the library staff.

The rules stated above are not inclusive or exclusive. It is the responsibility of the library staff to ensure that safe and appropriate conditions are maintained in the library at all times. Therefore, patrons are asked to comply with the reasonable requests of the library staff. Anyone failing to do so will be asked to leave the library. Questions or complaints concerning how these regulations are enforced should be made to the Library Director. The Board of Trustees of the Library will respond to patrons’ complaints.