

## **WAKEENEY PUBLIC LIBRARY BEHAVIOR POLICY**

The WaKeeney Public Library welcomes all those who acknowledge their responsibility to maintain an atmosphere conducive to the best use of the library and its services.

### **BEHAVIORS NOT PERMITTED include, but are not limited to the following:**

1. Loud speech that may be disruptive to Library Users or Staff
2. Running, Rough Playing or Rowdy and Unruly Behavior
3. Quarreling, Fighting, and Abusive or Obscene Language
4. Sleeping – i.e. in a Reclining Position on Library Furniture
5. Smoking -- either inside the Library or within 20 Feet of the Outside Door
6. Stealing Library Materials
7. Harming Library Users or Staff
8. Vandalism or Damaging Library Property or the Library Building

### **ITEMS TO LEAVE OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY:**

1. Food and Drink - EXCEPT in meeting rooms during scheduled meetings or library programs
2. Alcoholic Beverages, illegal drugs, firearms, or other weapons - EITHER in the Library or on the Grounds.
3. Skateboards and Rollerblades
4. Animals-- EXCEPT when they provide a trained service for disabled persons or are featured in a Library-sponsored program.

**APPROPRIATE CLOTHING:** Shoes and Shirts must be worn.

### **CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATION OF BEHAVIOR POLICY:**

- Any disruptive person may be asked to leave the Library premises.
- If a child is causing a disturbance, the parent or care-provider will be asked to correct the problem.
- Anyone who refuses to leave the Library when requested is trespassing, and police may be called to assist.
- Staff will call the police if it is believed the safety or well-being of any child in the Library is in jeopardy.

### **UNATTENDED CHILDREN POLICY**

- Children Under the age of (8) should be accompanied by their care-provider at all times.
  - The care-provider must be at least 13 years of age - either a family member or an individual authorized by the parent.
- If a child under age (8) is left unattended the staff will phone the parent.
  - If the parent is not located, the police may be called to assist.
- Chronic offenders may have their Library privileges restricted or they may be denied use of the Library.
- Children under (8) attending an event in the Community Arts Room may not enter the Library without a care-provider.