



Bismarck  
Veterans Memorial  
Public Library

## **Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library Code of Conduct Policy**

The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library (library) Code of Conduct ensures that the library is safe, welcoming, and provides equitable access and services for everyone. Everyone is expected to be considerate and respectful and behave in a manner that does not disrupt others or interfere with library operations.

- Any behavior that is deemed disruptive by Library Administration, employees, or Library Security personnel is prohibited. Any behavior that hinders the use of the library or interferes with library employees' or Library Security personnel's ability to do their jobs is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, harassment, loud or unruly behavior, and fighting.
- Possession of firearms or other dangerous weapons in the library building is prohibited, pursuant to NDCC 62.1-02-05.
- Alcohol and illegal drugs may not be used or distributed on library property.
- Sleeping, camping, or otherwise being in the library building with no demonstrated or intended use of library services is prohibited. "Camping" refers to the use of library property for lying down and sleeping, storing belongings, and/or using library property as a temporary shelter or living quarters.
- Use of all tobacco products is prohibited throughout the library building and on library property. Tobacco use includes the use of smokeless tobacco, e-cigarettes, or devices that emit vapors that contain nicotine and/or other chemical substances, and smokeless tobacco.
- Animals, other than service animals, are prohibited in the library, unless in conjunction with library programs.
- Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a caregiver aged 12 or older in all areas of the library building. Parents, guardians, and caregivers are ultimately responsible for the actions, behavior, and safety of children visiting the library.
- Patrons must wear shirts, bottoms, and shoes in the library building at all times.
- Theft, vandalism, and damage to library property are criminal offenses, which may result in legal action.
- Bicycles, scooters, carts, and other large-wheeled items must be left outside in a location where they do not inhibit entrance or exit to the library building. Mobility devices and occupied baby strollers are welcome inside the library building.
- The library reserves the right to inspect personal items. Patrons are responsible for their personal items, and the library is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Tampering with library electronics is prohibited. Equipment may not be added to or removed from library-provided electronics, and cables and connections may not be modified or adjusted in any way.

- Engaging in any activities prohibited by state or federal law or city ordinance is prohibited.
- Patrons must comply with all library policies, available online at <https://www.bismarcklibrary.org/2232/Library-Policies>. Failure to comply with any provision of this policy may result in the revocation of library privileges, including the right to visit library property. Anyone in violation of these rules is first warned by library staff or security personnel. If the conduct continues, the individual will be asked to leave library property for the day. If the conduct continues in subsequent instances, depending on the severity of the situation, the individual may be trespassed from the library. If conduct poses an immediate threat of danger or an unsafe situation, an individual may be immediately trespassed and police may be called without warning. Anyone who has been trespassed or ordered from the premises who does not comply may be subject to arrest and prosecution for trespassing. Anyone who has been previously trespassed with continued failure to observe provisions of this policy may be trespassed again for an escalating period of time. Anyone who has been trespassed may contact the Library Director to inquire about the status of their trespass. Trespass notices may be rescinded after a minimum period of one year, contingent upon the specific circumstances involved and at the discretion of the Library Director or his or her designee.

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