

## Roaring Spring Community Library Behavior Policy

### **General Statement**

To allow all patrons of the Roaring Spring Community Library to use its facility to the fullest extent during regularly scheduled hours, the Library Board of Directors has adopted the following rules and regulations:

#### **Patrons shall:**

- Engage in activities consistent with the use of a public library.
- Respect the rights of other library users and staff.

#### **Patrons shall not:**

- Consume food or beverage unless provided at library functions/programs.
- Sleep in the library.
- Smoke, or use tobacco or tobacco products.
- Enter the building without shirt or shoes.
- Interfere with the employees' performance of their duties.
- Deface or damage library property.
- Use loud, abusive, threatening or obscene language.
- Tamper with, alter or damage computer hardware and/or software.
- Interfere with the use of the library by others or behave in such manner, which is a health or safety hazard. One, whose bodily hygiene is offensive and constitutes a nuisance to use of the library by others, may be asked to leave the building.

Any patron not abiding by these or other library policies may be required to leave the library premises. Failure to comply could result in a charge of defiant trespass or disorderly conduct. Library employees are instructed to contact local police if deemed necessary. Any patron who violates these rules and regulations may be denied the privilege of access to the library.

A patron whose library privileges have been denied may have the decision reviewed by the Library Board of Directors.

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### Children in the Library

The safety and well being of children are of great concern to Roaring Spring Community Library. We encourage families and youth to use our library. Children, as all library patrons, are expected to behave appropriately. Parents, guardians, teachers and caregivers, not library staff, are responsible for the behavior and supervision of their children in the library.

An unattended child is a child of any age who is apparently unaccompanied by an adult. Parents, guardians, teachers and caregivers may not leave children alone or in the care of other children who are unable or unwilling to provide adequate care. Supervising adults must be close at hand.

As in all public places, "stranger danger" is a real concern. Library staff cannot prevent children from interacting with or leaving with persons who are not the appropriate chaperone.

Staff may refer to Blair County Children and Youth Services for those children who are left unattended in the library and whose basic needs for food, rest, parental supervision or attention are not being fulfilled.

If the Library is closing, at regular time or in an emergency situation, and the parent or guardian of a child cannot be located in the building, the Roaring Spring Police Department will be called.

The Library is not responsible for any consequences of parents forfeiting their responsibilities.

Adopted by the R.S.C.L. Board of January 22, 2007