Ilsley Public Library endeavors to provide a safe, pleasant, and welcoming atmosphere conducive to the enjoyment of our services and facilities.

In order to keep everyone safe and to ensure the rights of everyone to enjoy the library, the following policies are in effect:

1. Children ages 7 years and younger must be adequately supervised by a responsible person at all times unless the child is attending a scheduled library program that does not require additional supervision. The responsible person must be 12 years of age or older.

   Library staff, though concerned about every child’s welfare, is busy doing the work of the library and is limited in its ability to supervise young children at the library. We cannot guarantee the safety of a child left unattended.

2. Everyone is welcome to use the library, provided his/her behavior does not interfere with others’ rights to enjoy the library.

3. Use of the library may be denied by any staff member for inappropriate behavior, which may include but is not limited to:

   a. Rough housing and/or fighting
   b. Abusive or rude language
   c. Noisy behavior that is disturbing to others, including cell phone use
   d. Misusing library materials or furnishings
   e. Vandalism
   f. Disrupting the normal activities of the library.
4. Persons behaving inappropriately will be asked to stop. Inappropriate behavior typically results in a warning, and names may be recorded so that all staff members covering the area will be aware of the warning.

5. Further inappropriate behavior will result in expulsion from the library for the rest of the day, or longer as deemed appropriate by the library staff. The library reserves the right to expel a patron without warning if circumstances warrant.

6. The library will attempt to notify parents if a child is expelled from the library for more than a day.

Finding a responsible party is not always possible if the child is not accompanied by a parent. The Youth Services Librarian will notify the parent by phone or writing if they are able to do so.

7. Repeated warnings and/or expulsions from the library will result in additional restriction from the library at the discretion of the staff.

8. Users of the library’s computers are expected to observe the library’s time management arrangements and to use the computers appropriately. Those who abuse this privilege may be denied use of library computers.

9. Patrons are encouraged to use cell phones appropriately so that conversations and ring tones will not disturb others.

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