

CODE OF BEHAVIOR:

For persons using the facilities:

Whereas, under Article 8, Section 9 of the Michigan State Constitution, the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library Board of Trustees is authorized to adopt rules and regulations regarding the Library, the following rules of behavior for persons using the facility are adopted. Persons found in violation of these rules may be asked to leave the library building and grounds. Repeated violation of the rules may result in suspension of library privileges.

NO PERSON SHALL:

The Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library encourages people of all ages to visit the library. Those using the library and its resources have the right to expect a safe, comfortable environment that supports appropriate library services.

People demonstrating disruptive behavior will be required to leave the library after one warning from the staff. Disruptive behavior includes, but is not limited to, noisy, boisterous actions; smoking, misuse of library property; actions that deliberately annoy others or prevent other patrons from the legitimate use of the library and its resources. Any individual appliance that makes noise must be turned to settings such that other patrons do not notice its presence.

No smoking on library premises, including outside of building.

Abusive language and behavior towards library staff or patrons will not be tolerated. Behavior that in the judgment of library staff endangers the safety of library staff or patrons will be immediately reported to the police.

Anyone who harasses staff or another patron will be asked to leave the library. The director has the discretion to file harassment complaints to local law enforcement authorities.

Serious acts of lewdness or sexual misconduct will be reported to local law enforcement, and if minors are involved, their parents and/ or caregivers.

Patrons who do not cooperate with library staff or who otherwise violate the terms of the library's patron behavior policy may be subject to suspension or barring of library privileges. Any staff member who observes violations of the patron behavior policy may ultimately suspend the user for the next two days of library operations. The library director may indefinitely suspend violators of the patron behavior policy. Suspensions of longer than 48 hours that involve minors require a conference between the parent or guardian and the library director before privileges may be restored. Suspensions lasting longer than one month require a hearing with the library board or a subcommittee designated by the library board. At this hearing, violators of the patron behavior policy may appeal their suspension. In the case of serious violations of law or damage to or theft of library property, no such hearing is required.

Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library
Teen Room Policy

Policies and procedures governing the use of this space are needed to make the space available in a manner which is equitable and does not interfere with the fulfillment of the Library's mission.

Purpose of the Teen Room

The Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library's Teen Room is a dedicated space designed and intended for teen patrons. The purpose of the Teen Room is to provide a safe, supportive, and positive space for teen patrons. The Teen Room offers teens a place to use Library resources, attend programs, and socialize in a welcoming and friendly environment.

Teen patrons include patrons in grades 6-12.

Adults in the Teen Room

While patrons of all ages are welcome to browse and check out materials from the Young Adult Collection, the Teen Room is intended for teen patrons. Parents or caregivers may be in the Teen Room with their child, if the child is between 6th -12th grade. Staff may ask unaccompanied adults to leave the Teen Room and direct them to use the facilities, services, and equipment in Adult Services. This policy reflects the Library's concern for the safety of teens in the Library.

Code of Conduct and Disruptive Behavior

All Library policies and user agreements are in effect in the Teen Room. See the code of behavior in Library operating policies.

Appropriate activities for the Teen Room include: reading, studying, doing homework, working on school projects, using computers for appropriate recreation, research, and communication. Covered drinks are allowed.

Inappropriate activities for the Teen Room include: sleeping, rough housing, hitting, and excessive public displays of affection. No food, no uncovered drinks.

Teens in violation of the Teen Room Policy or the Code of Conduct will be given a warning. Library staff reserves the right to immediately ask teens in question to leave in cases of extreme behavior or repeated violations of the same policy. Teens who cannot behave may lose Library privileges and be required to be accompanied by an adult when on Library property.

Teen Programs

The Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library encourages teens to participate in teen programs. Some of these programs may be held in the Teen Room. Teen Library programs take precedence over any other activities in the Teen Room. Any food or drink offered during a program must stay in the Teen Room.

Appropriate notes will be made on the offending patron's file, dated and signed by staff.