

MIDDLE GEORGIA REGIONAL LIBRARY

Patron Conduct & Responsibilities

The Middle Georgia Regional Library's mission is to improve and enhance the educational, cultural, and recreational life of the community. The Library Board of Trustees has established Rules of Patron Conduct and Responsibilities so that library users and staff have a clean, pleasant, and safe environment. We need your cooperation to reach this goal.

The following are prohibited at all Middle Georgia Regional Libraries:


- Engaging in any activity that would violate local, state, or federal criminal law, ordinance, or regulation
- Activities or behavior that may result in damage/theft of library property
- Animals, except for guide and service dogs
- Loud or disruptive noises or behavior
- Soliciting
- Use of tobacco products, alcohol, or illegal drugs
- Food or drinks
- Littering
- Loitering
- Rudeness, sexual misconduct, obscenities, or harassment
- Sleeping or bathing
- Not wearing a shirt or shoes
- Posting/distributing unauthorized materials
- Entering unauthorized areas or being in the library during closed hours
- Leaving a child under 13 years of age unattended by an adult 18 years of age or over

Library personnel may ask persons who are exhibiting inappropriate behavior to modify their behavior. Noncompliance with the Library's Patron Conduct and Responsibilities may result in an individual being required to leave the library premises or in arrest and prosecution for criminal trespass pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia 16-7-21.



Violations of Middle Georgia Regional Library Patron Conduct and Responsibilities

-  **First Offense** Verbal Warning

-  **Second Offense** Suspension from all MGRL libraries for one day

-  **Third Offense** Suspension from all MGRL libraries for one week

-  **Fourth Offense** Suspension from all MGRL libraries for a length of time determined by the Branch Librarian, Head Librarian, Head of Public Services, and/or Library Director.
Re-instatement conference required.

In extenuating circumstances or where the behavior of a patron constitutes a continuing disruption, the patron may be "barred" from all PINES libraries facilities and premises for a period of time to be determined by the Library Director.