



## **HURST PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR POLICY**

This Library is supported by the tax dollars of the citizens of Hurst who have a right to a clean, pleasant, and safe place.

This Library should be a place to engage in appropriate library activities: reading or studying, choosing books or other library materials to check out, using electronic resources, or copy machines, attending library programs, or to request reference or reader's advisory assistance from library staff.

No library visitor should create problems for other library users or himself.

### **THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF BEHAVIOR ARE UNACCEPTABLE AND INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE LIBRARY'S GOAL OF PROVIDING A PLEASANT AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

- Abuse or vandalism of library materials, equipment, or facilities including grounds and parking lots.
- Disorderly conduct or disruptive behavior
- Harassment - Physical, sexual, or verbal abuse of other library users or of library staff
- Drinking or eating inside the building other than in designated spaces
- Intoxication
- Smoking in the building
- Exhibitionism or flashing
- Use of Personal Tape Players, CD players, Radios, or Televisions without headphones
- Making or taking Cell Phone calls in browsing, reading, or study areas.
- Loud Talking
- Voyeurism
- Soliciting
- Sleeping in public
- Bringing any animals other than service animals into the Library facility

**VISITORS VIOLATING THESE POLICIES MAY BE ESCORTED FROM THE LIBRARY BY THE HURST POLICE AND/OR MAY LOSE THEIR LIBRARY PRIVILEGES**

## **HURST PUBLIC LIBRARY UNATTENDED CHILDREN POLICY**

**To ensure that the library is a safe and pleasant place for our patrons of all ages, we have adopted the following policy:**

- Children (Under the age of 9) must be accompanied by an adult or a teenager.
- Library staff cannot supervise or ensure the safety of unattended children.
- Children must abide by the same rules of behavior that apply to all patrons.
- Just as any other patron, children persisting in disruptive behavior will be asked to leave the library.
- Please note library hours and do not leave children of any age unclaimed or unattended at closing time.

**The Hurst police will be called to escort home any children left unattended when the library closes.**

**Effective March 1, 2002**