

The Emmet O'Neal Library

Patron Conduct Policy

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Emmet O'Neal Library (Library) is a place dedicated to the public's pursuit and receipt of knowledge through the reading and viewing of educational materials provided through the Library; and

Whereas, this beneficent purpose of the Library is best accomplished through the provision of a quiet, peaceable, and contemplative atmosphere; and

Whereas, it will be beneficial to the patrons and employees of the Library to adopt reasonable rules to assist in providing a quiet, peaceable and contemplative atmosphere in the Library.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Mountain Brook that the following rules shall govern the use of the Library.

Section 1. The activities of Library patrons while in the Library (Patrons) shall be limited to the normal activities associated with the use of a library. Loitering on the Library premises (Premises) will not be allowed. Patrons not engaged in reading, studying or using library materials may be asked to leave the Premises.

Section 2. Patrons shall respect the rights of other Patrons and library employees (Employees) while on the Premises. Patrons shall not harass, intimidate, annoy, or disturb Employees or other Patrons. Conduct which is prohibited includes, but is not limited to, obstructing access to, and the use of, the Premises and books and materials, noisy or boisterous activities, the use of profane or indecent language; engaging in indecent conduct, unnecessary staring at other Patrons or Employees, following Employees or other Patrons about the Premises, playing audio or video equipment so that others can hear it; singing or talking to oneself, or other behavior which can reasonably be expected to result in the annoyance or disturbance of Employees or other Patrons.

Section 3. Patrons' dress and personal hygiene shall conform to the standard of the community for public premises.

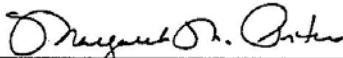
Section 4. Patrons shall not steal, destroy, damage or deface Library property.

Section 5. Any Patron whose conduct does not conform to these rules will be asked by Employees to cease the offending conduct. If the Patron continues the offending conduct, the Patron will be asked to leave the Premises. Employees shall contact the Mountain Brook Police Department if a Patron refuses to leave the Premises when requested. On recommendation of the Library Director, the Library Board of Directors may deny the privilege of access to the Premises for a specified, reasonable period of time to any Patron who repeatedly violates these rules. The Library Director shall


notify the Patron of the decision of the Library Board of Trustees (Board) by letter sent by United States mail within 10 days of the decision.

Section 6. Any Patron denied access to the Premises for any period in excess of 7 days may file a written appeal of that decision with the Board. The written appeal must be received by the Board within 30 days after the date the notification letter is mailed. The appeal must state the reasons the Patron believes the denial of access is unjustified, an explanation for the conduct in question, and any other facts which the Patron believes supports his or her request for continued access to the Library. The Board shall consider the appeal at its next regularly scheduled meeting. On appeal, after considering all information submitted by the patron and the Library Director, the Board shall either affirm the denial of access, reduce the period during which access is denied, or rescind the denial of access. The Board shall notify the Patron of its decision by United States mail within 10 days of its decision.

ADOPTED: This 28th day of March, 1994.


Margaret M. Porter
Council President

APPROVED: This 28th day of March, 1994.


William E. Matthews, IV
Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Ann R. McCutcheon, City Clerk of the City of Mountain Brook, Alabama, hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Mountain Brook at its regular meeting held on March 28, 1994, as same appears in the minutes of record of said meeting.


Ann R. McCutcheon
City Clerk