

RULES FOR LIBRARY USERS POLICY

The Azalea Regional Library System ("AZRLS") strives to provide an atmosphere that is conducive to the appropriate use of library services and resources. Use of the library is intended to be for reading, studying, writing and listening to written or electronically transmitted materials and information. All users and staff have the right to a safe and comfortable environment, as well as facilities and materials which are in good condition.

BEHAVIOR AND/OR ACTIONS WHICH ARE CONSIDERED TO BE DISRUPTIVE UNSAFE AND/OR ACTIONS WHICH ARE CONSIDERED TO BE A NUISANCE **ARE PROHIBITED** ON LIBRARY PROPERTY. THESE MAY INCLUDE:

- Any loud, unreasonable, and/or disruptive noises created by persons, radios, music players, or other sound devices such as cell phones and iPods.
- Engaging in disorderly conduct, fighting or challenging a fight, or using offensive language that is likely to provoke violence.
- Repetitive noise making; such as tapping a pencil on the table, rapping fingers or knuckles; slamming books down; slapping the covers of books, etc.
- Running in or around the library.
- Exhibiting offensive personal hygiene, bringing in large bundles or personal possessions (for example: items too large to fit under a study chair), failure to wear shoes or appropriate clothing (swimsuits prohibited) or the failure to secure clothes with buttons, zippers or other devices.
- Sleeping or laying your head on a table. Placing your feet or legs on furniture.
- Misusing or abusing furniture.
- Bringing animals or pets in the library (except guide dogs for the physically impaired).
- Following a person around the library, staring at a person, or persistently asking a person questions.
- Distributing or posting printed material and/or literature that has not been approved by AZRLS.
- Soliciting for money or items or services.
- Panhandling or loitering inside the library or in the parking lot or on library grounds.
- Cell Phone use.
- Adult supervision must be provided to all children under the age of 12. (See "Unattended Minor's Policy")
- Leaving a child or young adult (up to the age of 17) on library property after closing time.
- Misuse of restrooms. Restrooms are for library patron use only. Changing and/or washing of clothes and/or bathing in restrooms is not permitted.
- Taking library materials into the bathrooms.
- Any sexual activity including indecent exposure.
- Entering non-public areas such as staff workrooms, break room, offices, and storage areas.

- Skateboarding, rollerblading, or bicycling in the parking lot, garden or around the perimeter of the library building.
- Certain acts involving computer fraud or abuse of AZRLS computers or the display of obscene materials on computer equipment (covered under the Georgia Computer Services Protection Act and punishable by fine, imprisonment or both).
- Willful concealment and/or unauthorized removal of library property.
- Bringing food or beverages into the library. Intoxication and/or use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal substances.
- Damage, destruction, theft or improper use of library property or facilities. (GA Code 20-5-52).