LENOIR-RHYNE UNIVERSITY

Title
Appropriate Behavior Policy

Division/Department
Lenoir-Rhyne University Libraries, Rudisill Library

Related Policy(ies)
The Cub, Section 3: LR Campus Policies: Conduct; False Identification
The Cub, Section 6: The University Judicial System: Sanctions
Food, Drink, and Tobacco Policy

Purpose
To describe appropriate behavior in Rudisill Library.

Policy
Rudisill Library serves patrons in a number of ways. The building is a place for research, study, classes, and quiet reflection. The library also serves as a place for group collaboration, a location for students fulfilling Learning Commons Study Hall hours, and a site for socializing. When in the library, patrons should behave in an appropriate, non-disruptive manner that will enhance the experience for other library users, and is in keeping with the Lenoir-Rhyne University (LRU) statement of values, particularly **Integrity** (We will act with integrity at all times. We will respect and be honest with each other. We will take personal responsibility for our words and our actions.) and **Care**… (We will care about others in our learning and working relationships. We will be responsible stewards of our resources. We will support each other and work together toward the common good.)

Disruptive behavior occurs whenever a patron misbehaves or acts in a manner that is disturbing to other patrons, unsafe for that patron or others, is/may be damaging to materials or the facilities, or is, for students in Study Hall, in violation of Study Hall policies. Such behaviors include but are not limited to:

- For students fulfilling Study Hall hours, using study rooms, spaces, the Testing Center, Quiet Study area or other locations for socializing rather than studying or completing assignments.
- Talking or laughing loudly or incessantly within the hearing of other patrons in the library (excluding classes held in the Library), or making noise in the Quiet Study areas.
- Playing music or videos or talking on a cell phone or an electronic device at a volume disruptive to other patrons.
- Rowdiness, roughhousing, or aggressive behavior, such as taunting and/or threatening others.
- Defacing or damaging library materials, such as writing on pages or removing any part of a book (e.g., pages, labels), or breaking the spine of a book.
- Misuse of library furniture and equipment, such as (but not limited to):
  - Placing feet (in shoes) on tables, chairs or couches or other furniture.
  - Marking or defacing furniture with any substance (ink, pencil, nail polish, gum or the like).
- Use of the Library’s computers in violation of LRU’s computer use policy. This policy is posted on the LRU website.
- Hoarding a computer for unreasonable amounts of time while other students are waiting to use one.
- Sleeping.

Parents are responsible for the content of Internet material accessed by children under the age of 18 who are not Lenoir-Rhyne students.
A parent or chaperone must directly and constantly supervise library users who are in grades 10 or lower the entire time these children are in the library. Library staff will contact the Security Office to pick up unaccompanied children.

**Violations**
Library staff members will generally follow the steps below should a patron exhibit disruptive behavior. However, the staff has the discretion to make exceptions as situations warrant.

1. For patrons exhibiting any of the disruptive behaviors listed above, library staff will request that they be mindful of others and cease that behavior.

2. If the patron’s disruptive behavior intentionally continues or escalates, library staff may request the patron show identification (for report purposes), and may ask the patron to leave the library.

3. If the patron refuses to cooperate with the Library staff, library staff may contact the Security Office to assist with the offending patron.

4a. If the patron is a Lenoir-Rhyne student, library staff, depending on the nature of the offense, may report the student to the Student Judicial System. Through that process, the library may seek restitution of damages as appropriate.

4b. If the patron is a high school student, library staff will contact the Security Office to remove the offending patron. Library staff will seek restitution of damages from the student’s high school as appropriate, and will ban the student from the library.

4c. If the patron is a K-8 student, the Library staff will request that the parent and child leave the library. Library staff will seek restitution of damages from the parents as appropriate.

**Procedure Required to Implement Policy**
As outlined in the Policy section

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**Listing of Affected Individuals (as needed)**

**Reviewed by/Concurrence from**
Larry M. Hall, University Provost

**Signature of the Individual(s) Approving the Policy**

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