



Standards of Behavior

The Avalon Public Library is committed to providing a supportive and welcoming environment for all to enjoy and use its resources and services. To achieve this, the following **Standards of Behavior** apply to all persons using Library facilities whether interior and/or exterior as controlled and operated by the Avalon Public Library (hereafter referred to as the “Library”).

BEHAVIOR	CONSEQUENCES/SUSPENSION OF LIBRARY PRIVILEGES		
	1 ST OFFENSE	2 ND OFFENSE	3 RD OFFENSE
Any violation of PA Code while on Library premises	6 Months, notification of authorities	1 Year, notification of Authorities	3 Years, notification of Authorities
Violation of Library’s <u>Internet Use Policy</u> .	2 Months	3 Months	6 Months
Improper use of or destruction to Library collections, equipment, furniture, fixtures, grounds or buildings	Warning/Request to leave Library, possible notification of authorities	6 Months, notification of authorities	1 Year, notification of authorities
Conduct that disrupts patrons and staff and/or interferes with operation of the Library	Warning/Request to leave Library, possible notification of authorities	3 Months, possible notification of authorities	6 Months, notification of authorities
Harassment, threatening behavior and/or use of abusive language or gestures	Warning/ Request to leave Library	6 Months, notification of authorities	1 Year, notification of authorities
Offensive/pervasive odor; visible presence of pests on person, belongings or library materials	Warning/ Request to leave Library to correct the problem	Warning/ Request to leave Library to correct the problem	1 Month
Consumption of food or drink in the Library Computer Room & non-designated areas.	Warning/ Request to leave Library	1 Week	1 Month
Smoking or other use of any tobacco products inside a Library facility.	Warning/ Request to leave Library	1 Month	3 Months
Consumption of alcoholic beverages on premises except for Library-authorized events/functions	Warning/ Request to leave Library	3 Months, notification of authorities	6 Months, notification of authorities
Recreational use of bicycles, roller blades, skates or similar items on premises	Warning/ Request to leave Library	Warning/ Request to leave Library	Notification of authorities
Bringing animals inside the Library with the exception of service animals or for a Library approved event.	Warning/ Request to leave Library	1 Month	3 Months
Panhandling, soliciting, petitioning and/or distributing non-library approved materials on Library premises	Warning/ Request to leave Library	Warning/ Request to leave Library	Notification of authorities
Entering the Library wearing swimsuits, no shoes, or no shirt	Warning/ Request to leave Library	Warning/ Request to leave Library	Warning/ Request to leave Library

The Avalon Public Library reserves the right, depending on the severity an incident, to increase the length of and/or expedite the timeline of the Consequences/Suspension of Library Privileges listed above. These **Standards of Behavior** have been created as part of the **Avalon Public Library Policies, Section III, Patron Responsibilities and Conduct**. Failure to abide by the **Standards of Behavior** in accordance with the time limitations set forth above may be viewed as criminal trespassing and violators may be prosecuted. Persons convicted of damaging library property will be held liable for full restitution.