

Library Use Restrictions Policy

Sometimes a patron's behavior may necessitate restricting his/her use of Baker County Library District services. Such behavior includes but is not limited to violations of District policies as well as violations of federal, state or local statutes.

Responsibility and restrictions

District staff, and ultimately the Library Director, is responsible for determining whether behaviors are unacceptable as delineated by District policies. When such behavior occurs, staff are authorized to restrict a patron's access to library services appropriate to the unacceptable behavior and past actions by the patron. Such sanctions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Bans from using the relevant service (e.g. meeting room, computers, bulletin boards);
- Loss of library card privileges;
- Billing for damage;
- Requirement for accompaniment by a parent, guardian, or caretaker;
- Ejection from District property (temporary, conditional, or extended).

Staff members are encouraged to use sound but flexible judgment in determining appropriate sanctions and lengths. Severe or extended sanctions require approval of the Library Director or designee.

Warnings

At their discretion, staff may warn a patron up to twice before sanctioning as per above. Subsequent similar behavior by the same individual may not require warning before sanctions are issued, and such sanctions may be more severe. While the District views the intent of this policy as primarily corrective and progressive, it is not possible to define in advance the specific action to be taken in response to every behavior. Consequently, the District reserves the right to take appropriate action, including immediate ejection from District property, in response to circumstances and events on a case-by-case basis.

For instance, staff may restrict a patron's use of services, or immediately eject a patron without warning for more severe violations of policy, including without limitation abusing District staff or patrons, abusing District property, attempting to alter or compromise District technology or networks, or violations of local, state, or federal laws.

Recording

Staff will record any instances in which sanctions are issued and will maintain current lists of patrons who are restricted from using library services and are banned from District facilities.

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