

## **EASTERN SHORE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

### **Behavior Policy**

In order to provide an atmosphere conducive to the proper use of its services and facilities, the Eastern Shore Public Library does not permit the following:

1. Willful damage to or unauthorized removal of library property
2. Disorderly conduct
3. Smoking or tobacco use
4. Offensive personal hygiene
5. Animals other than service dogs, unless authorized by library personnel
6. Consumption of food or beverages without authorization from the library
7. Carrying unauthorized weapons of any sort
8. Leaving young children unattended by a responsible person
9. Obscene, abusive, or harassing language or actions
10. Soliciting

In addition:

1. Cellular phones and other audio devices must be used with consideration for others. Ringers must be turned off and conversations held in areas where they will not be a disturbance.
2. Shoes and shirts must be worn in the library.

Conduct that disturbs library patrons and staff, or hinders others from using the library or library materials, is prohibited. Library staff shall have the right to contact the proper authorities and to ask individuals to leave the library when the individuals are in violation of this Behavior Policy. Failure to abide by this policy will be grounds for the revocation of library privileges.

*Approved and Adopted by the ESPL Board of Trustees on June 5, 2007.*