Policy Name: J. Cloyd Miller Library Patron Code of Conduct

Purpose: Patron Code of Conduct

Policy: J. Cloyd Miller Library is committed to the right of every individual to use the Library undisturbed and the right of every Library employee to work without undue interference. To guarantee these rights for all people, the following rules of conduct apply to behavior on Library property.

Library patrons will not engage in illegal activities or activities prohibited by WNMU. Library staff will contact Campus Police if a patron:

*Brings weapons or explosive materials, real or simulated, into the Library;
*Uses tobacco in the Library;
*Appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol or illegal drugs;
*Steals, damages, or destroys Library property (such actions will be prosecuted to the fullest Extent of the law);
*Sells goods or services or solicits donations of any kind within the Library;
*Unnecessarily disturbs or creates an environment of harassment to others;
*Exhibits inappropriate sexual behavior or physically, sexually, or verbally abuses Library staff or patrons;
*Views child pornography on the Internet;
*Brings animals or vehicles into the Library, except as required with disabilities; or
*Leaves a child unattended, who is under the age of 16, with the exception of dual enrollment Students.

No one shall engage in any conduct that disturbs or interferes with patrons or employees of the Library. After an initial warning by Library staff or Campus Police, patrons will be asked to leave the Library until the behavior is remedied. Disruptive activities include but are not limited to:

*Consuming drinks or food (closed containers of water may be allowed);
*Causing noise that interferes with patron use of the Library, (e.g. loud conversations, crying infants, audio equipment, or cell phones or beepers);
*Misusing Library facilities, (e.g., bathing, shaving, or doing laundry in Library restrooms);*  
*Performing activities inappropriate to a Library (e.g., running, throwing items) that disrupt or could injure self or others;*  
*Not wearing appropriate clothing (e.g., no shirt or shoes);*  
*Entering non-public areas, such as staff workrooms, offices, or storage areas;*  
*Passing petitions, surveys, pamphlets, or other materials directly to Library users without permission of the Public Services Manager;*  
*Posing a sanitary, health, or safety risk to self or others (e.g., offensive body odor that leads to complaints from other Library users and/or staff);*  
*Holding unauthorized or unscheduled groups meetings or activities that interfere with patron use of the Library;*  
*Failing to leave the Library at closing time;*  
*Taking Library materials outside the Library without authorization by Library personnel and without following the established lending procedures; or*  
*Hiding or deliberately misshelving books to prevent their use by others*