Part 2. Use of Facilities

2.1 Patron Behavior

In order to provide a suitable environment for the use of library facilities, the following types of behavior are not permitted in any public area of the library: Disruptive behaviors include but are not limited to the following:

- Loud conversation or creating any noise disturbing to other patrons
- Fighting
- Harassment of other patrons or staff
- Soliciting, petitioning, or distributing literature
- Using abusive or obscene language
- Theft, mutilation, defacement, or destruction of library property, including books
- Entering unauthorized areas of the library
- Exhibitionism or indecent behavior, voyeurism
- Unauthorized presence in the building after closing hours
- Loitering or sleeping
- Listening to the radio or other electronic player (except with earphones)
- Blocking or interfering with the free movement of individuals
- Animals in library buildings, unless approved (e.g., seeing-eye dogs)
- Eating, except for groups using the meeting room
- Use of rest rooms for meetings, loitering, or solicitation for immoral purposes
- Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal substances
- Parking automobiles on library property when the driver is not using the library or attending a scheduled meeting in the building
- Skateboarding or rollerblading in library parking lots and on library grounds
- Smoking or use of tobacco products in or near library buildings
- Any act or conduct in violation of Federal, State, or local law, ordinance, or regulation
- Any act of conduct in violation of other Chestatee Regional Library policies

Patrons will be asked to leave the library if their bodily hygiene is so offensive as to constitute a nuisance to other patrons.

Persons violating any of the above rules of behavior may, after warning by library personnel, be asked to leave the library premises. Persons who persist in violating these rules or who refuse to leave the library premises when requested will be subject to arrest and prosecution.

Where the behavior of an individual constitutes a continuing disruption, the patron may be suspended from the Chestatee Regional Library System for a period of time to be determined by the Library Director. In such cases, a written notice outlining the reason(s) for the suspension will be mailed to the patron, who will have ten days to respond in writing. When the patron files a written request for a hearing within the ten-day period, the matter will be referred to the Chestatee Regional Library Board of Trustees for a hearing and final decision. The board will
respond to the written request within ten days after the board’s next regularly scheduled meeting.

Staff may call the appropriate Police or Sheriff's Department for assistance in any circumstances in which they feel such assistance is warranted.