**PATRON CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY**

The Sullivan County Public Library strives to provide a welcoming climate of respect and comfort for Library patrons and staff.

All Library patrons are expected to display appropriate behavior when using any SCPL location. Depending on the nature of the inappropriate behavior and when possible, staff will first remind patrons about appropriate behavior before taking the stronger measures (of banning or asking the patron(s) to leave the Library) to enforce this policy.

Inappropriate conduct includes any individual or group activity which is unreasonably disturbing to other Library patrons or staff, including, but not limited to:

* Threats of violence;
* Sleeping;
* Any illegal activity, such as stealing or damaging library property;
* Disruptive behavior, such as cursing, shouting, or obscene gestures;
* Sexual misconduct, such as offensive touching, indecent exposure, or any conduct that alarms another patron or staff member; and
* Soliciting money, donations, or signatures, without prior approval from the Director.

Staff may ask any patron who has engaged in any inappropriate behavior to immediately leave the building and/or grounds. Any person who is asked to leave the Library and refuses to do so shall be considered to be trespassing and shall be reported to the police and may be subject to permanent banning from the Library and/or arrest.