MEDICAL COLLEGE OF WISCONSIN LIBRARIES

Patron Code of Conduct

This policy is designed to preserve the MCW Libraries (Todd Wehr, Children’s and Froedtert) as places for research, learning and quiet study. All user (patron) conduct that disrupts the use of the library facilities, collections or services is defined as unacceptable and is prohibited. Users are urged to report disruptive behavior immediately to staff so that appropriate steps can be taken. Examples of disruptive or unacceptable behaviors include, but are not limited to:

1. Mutilation or destruction of Library buildings, materials or equipment.
2. Engaging in loud conversation or rowdy behavior.
3. Arguing with library employees or using abusive, threatening, or offensive language toward other library users or library employees.
4. Following staff or other users around the library or staring at staff or other users such that they are made to feel uncomfortable or threatened.
5. Not allowing staff to search possessions when the security gate alarm has been activated upon exit.
6. Non-compliance with the acceptable use policy of Library computers. The acceptable use policy is posted in the Todd Wehr Library Microlab, as wallpaper on each public computer, at appropriate points at the entrance to the libraries and on the Library’s web page.
7. Remaining in the Todd Wehr Library after closing or refusing to leave when staff announce the library is closing.
8. Refusing to show proper ID when requested.
10. Accessing without authorization or altering or damaging any computer system network program or data.
11. The conduct of children under 18 years of age while they are in the Library is the responsibility of their parents/legal guardians. Children under the age of thirteen must not be left unattended in the library.

Any patron who commits or attempts to commit any of the disturbances listed above—or anything construed to be a disturbance—or other behaviors illegal under the laws of the state or federal government is subject to sanctions, including:

♦ Being asked to leave the library
♦ Being reported to MCW Security or Children’s or Froedtert Security for incidents that occur in those hospitals

Offenders are subject to loss of all library privileges including using the library premises.