

Policy on Handling Fights on Library Property

We want people to use our facilities frequently and take full advantage of available materials, resources, and programs. It is our intent to provide a positive and welcoming experience for all library visitors. To maintain this atmosphere, the staff will contact authorities in situations at the Library that present danger to the safety of persons or property, interfere with the rights of others, constitute disturbing or inappropriate uses of the Library and/or that involve the commission of illegal acts.

Disruptive behavior will not be permitted. This includes any activity, whether intentional or inadvertent, that interferes with the rights of others, physical abuse, abuse or threatening language and misuse of library furnishings and equipment. Provoking arguments, fighting and arranging fights on or off premises will not be permitted.

In the event of an altercation anywhere on library property, library staff are instructed to contact the proper authorities. If the altercation involves more than two individuals, the library may be evacuated and closed at the discretion of the staff and/or director and/or board of trustees to ensure the safety of patrons and staff. If fighting incidents persist, the library may enforce a policy of no groups of more than 2 people allowed on library property for an undetermined amount of time.