

Rentschler Library

User Behavior Policy

Rentschler Library is open to University affiliates and the general public. Both groups may use the library's materials within the building at any time the library is open.

Rentschler Library is committed to maintaining a quiet and safe environment conducive to research and study in support of the academic programs of Miami University. To meet this end, all library patrons are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible manner in accordance with the policies outlined in this document as well as all applicable Miami University policies, local, state, and federal laws.

Rentschler Library does not permit any behavior which is incompatible with use of the library by its patrons or staff. Specific examples of disruptive behaviors include, but are not limited to:

- Creating excessive noise or using audible Walkmans, MP3 players, headphones, cell phones or other sound generating devices;
- Making disruptive noise;
- Using threatening, intimidating or abusive language;
- Any hostile or rowdy behavior, including but not limited to horseplay, fighting, threatening, intimidating, or abusing library staff or patrons with words or actions;
- Harassment of patrons or staff, including sexual harassment;
- Refusing to leave the library when the building is closed;
- Damaging or using library furnishings or equipment for purposes other than those for which they were intended;
- Using library staff equipment without permission (including telephones, computers, printers)

Library staff reserve the right to require anyone who engages in behavior that disrupts study and effective use of the library to leave the premises immediately. Library staff will contact Campus Security if a patron refuses to leave when requested to do so.

Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by and under the supervision of an adult caregiver at all times while in Rentschler Library. Adults are responsible for the behavior of accompanying children. Disruptive or unattended children will be asked to leave the library.