

2.20 Cell Phones and Mobile Devices

Purpose

The Richland Community Library strives to provide services and materials to the public in an environment conducive to their use. Because use of mobile devices in public area is often disturbing to library users, the Board has adopted this policy.

Scope

This policy applies to all public areas of the library building.

General Guidelines

Library visitors are encouraged to silence the ringer or other audible signals of their cell phones and mobile devices while in the library.

People making phone calls or video calls are encouraged to use the alcove (the area between the inner and outer doors), or go outside to continue their conversations. For prolonged phone/video calls patrons are encouraged to inquire about the availability of the Community Room/Local History Room. If neither is available, patrons may use the main area of the library but must do their best to reduce disruption to those around them.

Library staff may require that people engaged in cell/video phone conversations move to designated areas if these conversations are disrupting other patrons.

Library staff will post signs notifying the public of this.

Patrons who do not comply with this policy may be asked to leave the Library.