

Burke County Public Library

Bags and Personal Items Policy

For the safety, health, and comfort of the patrons and staff of the library, and to ensure unimpeded access to the library and its collections, the Burke County Public Library (BCPL*) establishes the following limits on bags and personal items that may be brought into the library.

Personal belongings brought on to library premises should not be left unattended. The library assumes no responsibility for unattended items. Unattended items will be removed from library premises. Law enforcement will be involved as necessary.

Personal belongings should not block or impede any exits, hallways, or walkways.

Patrons may only bring one bag into the library unless an exception has been made by the library. Such bags may include purses, briefcases, small backpacks/bookbags, laptop bags, musical instrument cases, or plastic/paper store bags not containing food or contraband.

Large backpacks, suitcases, and wheeled storage devices (excluding wheelchairs, walkers, and similar devices along with strollers for children) are prohibited from library premises unless an exception has been made by the library.

Patrons wishing an exception to this policy should request such through the library director, the library assistant director, or the senior staff person on-site.

Failure to comply with the policy may result in dismissal or banning from library premises.

*BCPL includes the buildings and grounds of the Morganton, Valdese, and C.B. Hildebrand Public Libraries.

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