VINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY CELL PHONE POLICY

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Policy Maintenance Performed By: Library Director

In accordance with Public Library Standard 1.9

PHILOSOPHY:

* The goal of the Vinton Public Library is to provide community it serves with free and open access to all its collections without prejudice or judgement, thereby encouraging personal, professional, and educational growth.
* Public use of personal cell phones in the Library is in full alignment with the Library’s mission, as these devices are often what patrons use to access the internet and electronic media available through the Library.

REGULATIONS:

* In order not to disturb fellow Library patrons and to protect patrons’ confidentiality, we ask that cell phones and similar personal cellular devices be turned off or put in silent mode when using the library.
* Texting and communicating with others cellular phone and similar devices are allowed within the library if it is not disruptive to others and does not violate the VPL Internet Use Policy.
* Patrons found to repeatedly be in violation of the Library Cell Phone Policy may be subject to the one or more of the following:
  + Termination of library privileges including checking out of items, interlibrary loan privileges, and suspension of computer privileges