

## **Public Library No-Trespassing Policy**

### Definition of Trespassing:

Trespassing occurs when an individual enters or remains on library property without authorization or after being instructed to leave by library staff or law enforcement.

### Prohibited Conduct:

Individuals may be considered trespassers if they:

- Enter restricted areas not open to the public.
- Remain on library property after closing hours.
- Refuse to leave after violating library policies and receiving a formal notice.
- Engage in disruptive or unlawful behavior that threatens public safety.

### Enforcement & Consequences:

- Library staff may issue verbal warnings or written trespass notices.
- Repeat offenders or individuals engaging in criminal activity may be subject to legal action under **\*\*North Carolina General Statutes § 14-159.12\*\*** (First-Degree Trespass) and **\*\*§ 14-159.13\*\*** (Second-Degree Trespass).
- Law enforcement may be contacted to remove individuals who refuse to comply.