

Noise Policy

The Tennessee State University Library is committed to providing a scholarly environment that is conducive to research and study while providing a welcoming facility to all of our students, faculty and staff. It is understandable that at times noise levels may fluctuate, especially in the evening hours however, all users of the library are expected to respect the rights of others and refrain from making excessive noise while using the facility. Students bothered by excessive noise should contact a library employee at one of the service desks.

In order to provide our users quality library services, we will enforce the following guidelines:

Cell Phones- all users are required to set their phones to no-ring mode

Quiet Areas- Noise level designations:

- Low Noise Area- Minimal talking, no group work. Cell phones and pagers must be turned off. Normal conversation noise is permitted for reference and library services. Second (except in study rooms) and first floor of the library is designated as Low Noise areas at the main Campus Library.
- Medium Noise Area- Low talking, small group studying. Cell phones and pagers must be turned off. Third floor is designated as the Medium Noise Level area.

Enforcement of the Noise Policy:

- Users may report violations of the Noise Policy to library staff at all stations who in turn will follow-up to address the problem reported
- All library staff will approach the disruptive users or groups and ask them to stop or move to an appropriate area of the library
- Users who continue with the disruptive behavior will be asked to leave
- Users who become belligerent or continue with their disruptive behavior will be asked to show their IDs. At times, library staff may request the TSU Police to take over the situation.
- Names of the disruptive students will be entered into a log to track problem library users.