The Ned R. McWherter Library Courtesy and Noise Policy is designed to accommodate those who prefer collaborative space and those who prefer a quiet or silent space.

**Social Zone**
Normal-volume conversations and collaboration welcome.

- **First Floor**
  - All Areas

- **Second Floor**
  - Elevator Lobby
  - Commons Area / Event Space

- **Third Floor**
  - Elevator Lobby
  - Group Study Rooms
  - Children’s Book Collection
  - Group Study Tables (West side)

- **Fourth Floor**
  - Elevator Lobby
  - Group Study Rooms
  - Group Study Tables (West side)

**Quiet Zone**
Low-volume conversations and low-volume cell phone use only. Music or media should be listened to via headphones.

- **Second Floor**
  - East Side (book stacks & study tables)

- **Third Floor**
  - East Side (computers, study tables & study carrels)
  - & Bookstacks (East side only)

- **Fourth Floor**
  - Perimeters of North & South Sides (book stacks & study carrels)

**Silent Zone**
No conversation or any audible cell phone use. Music or media should not be audible to anyone else. All areas directly near a silent zone should be a presumed quiet zone.

- **Third Floor**
  - Individual Short-Term Check-Out Carrels: 314 A-F

- **Fourth Floor**
  - East Side (book stacks, computers, study tables & study carrels)

**Policy Enforcement**
If people around you are disturbing you, you can POLITELY ask them to be quieter, check out noise-reducing headphones from the Check-Out Desk, move to a quieter area, or report it. To report noise disturbance in a Quiet or Silent Zone, notify a Libraries employee, call 901.678.2205 or 901.678.2208, or click the Chat icon on the Libraries homepage.

The Courtesy & Noise Policy will be enforced on a “two strikes” basis. After a complaint has been made, offenders will be notified and reminded of the policy. After a second complaint, offenders will be asked to show their UofM ID. UofM offenders will be asked to read and sign the policy and to relocate to a collaborative area. Non-UofM offenders will be asked to leave. Libraries employees are authorized to call Police Services.

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Social, Quiet and Silent Zones at McWherter Library by Floor

Social Zone | Quiet Zone | Silent Zone
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Second Floor | First Floor | Third Floor

Fourth Floor