## Courtesy and Noise Policy

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.

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| **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.

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<td>East Side (computers, study tables &amp; study carrels) &amp; Bookstacks (East side only)</td>
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<td>Perimeters of North &amp; South Sides (book stacks &amp; study carrels)</td>
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### 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.

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| **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.
Social, Quiet and Silent Zones at McWherter Library by Floor

First Floor

Second Floor

Third Floor

Fourth Floor