

DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY INCIDENT REPORT

TO BE COMPLETED AND SENT TO THE DIRECTOR WITHIN 24 HOURS –
PLEASE INCLUDE TRESPASS FORMS ETC.

INCIDENT DATE: 09/29/2022 **LIBRARY:** Emil Fowler Central Library

DESCRIPTION OF PERSON(S) INVOLVED:

PERSON 1	
NAME : Christopher Scott Jones	
ADDRESS : Unknown	
PHONE	
OTHER ID MARKS See Photo	
SEX	AGE
RACE	HEIGHT

DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED, WHEN, AND PERSON INVOLVED:

Emily Fowler Central Library staff members had noticed over the previous few days before 09/29/2022 that the current issue of the Dallas Morning News had gone missing from the branch. Staff noticed that Christopher Scott Jones was seen taking copies of the paper and had it with him in the building but were unable to find out what happened to them and had no proof that he was the one that took them. The library did receive numerous complaints from customers looking for the current issues of the paper.

On the evening on 09/29/2022 Kimberly Wells saw him stuffing items into the upstairs library trash and some items were on the floor when he left. When Kimberly Wells went to clean up the area, she found one of the items was a shredded and stained copy of the current Dallas Morning News. (Video backed up that he had placed it there and it can be found at Incident Reports – Throwing Paper Away). Kimberly also took a photo of the damaged newspaper.

Due to his destruction (probably over a number of days) of the Dallas Morning News he was issued a one year library suspension for vandalism. When he returned on 09/30/2022 Mr. Jones refused to acknowledge Kimberly when she tried to issue it and she told him that if he did not leave, she would have to call someone to escort him out. He still refused to leave, the police were called, and they issued him the Library Suspension. They asked if she wanted to issue a Criminal Trespass and she said the suspension would work at this time unless he refused to leave. After being spoken to by the police Mr. Jones left. The police told him that if he returned to any branch within the year it would be upgraded to a Criminal Trespass. He said he understood.

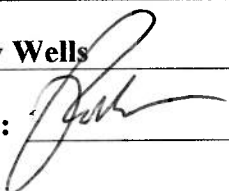
Mr. Jones had made himself known to numerous staff members by asking about extending his limits on the public computers but continued to attempt to sign in even when all his sessions were expired. He

approached numerous staff members over and over on the same day and did not acknowledge the information he was given. On 09/28/2022 He convinced one staff member to sign him in with no limits due to claiming he had a test but that was not the case. On the evening of 09/29/2022 after throwing the paper upstairs Chuck Voellinger noticed he was on a computer downstairs that had been signed into by someone else. That session was ended, and the card expired. While this was not enough to warrant a trespass, these numerous warnings had made it clear to the staff that Mr. Jones would not follow directives by staff. The destruction of library property was what led to the one year library suspension.

Time Police/Medic called: 9:15AM on 09/30 **Time of Arrival:** 9:25AM

Officers Responding: Newton **Date:** 09/30/2022

Staff Reporting: Kimberly Wells **Date:** 09/30/2022

Library Manager (signature):  **Date:** 9/30/22







**DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
NOTICE OF LIBRARY SUSPENSION**

Name of Person Notified: Christopher Scott Jones

Date of Library Suspension: 09/30/22

Your visitor privileges to all Denton Public Library facilities are suspended for a period of 12 days/weeks/months. This means that you may not be on the property of any Denton Public Library Facility from 9/30/22 to 9/30/23.

These locations are:

Emily Fowler Central Library – 502 Oakland St.

North Branch Library – 3020 N. Locust St.

South Branch Library – 3228 Teasley Lane

Your access to the Denton Public Library will be restored on 9/30/23.

Reason for Suspension:

Vandalism, Using someone elses card

Per Library Staff Member:

Kimberly Wells
Name

[Signature]
Signature

09/30/22
Date

Procedure for Appeal:

Persons may request a review of a library suspension order based on the following procedures. An appeal must be submitted in writing to the Library Ejection/Suspension Review Committee as visits in person to any DPL location are prohibited. The written appeal must be received at the following address within 30 days of the date the notice is issued.

Denton Public Library
Ejection/Suspension Review Committee
502 Oakland St.
Denton, TX 76201

The appeal must include an address at which the library may correspond with the individual making an appeal. The Review Committee, comprised of members of the Denton Library Board, will review timely filed appeals at their regularly scheduled meeting, and make a recommendation to the Director of Libraries, who will respond in writing within 60 days of the receipt of the appeal.

