

Rules for library need a more positive spin

DEAR ABBY: I am a reference librarian at a large academic library. While I share some of “Marian the Librarian’s” concerns, I couldn’t help but notice that her pointers for library etiquette were comprised almost entirely of “don’ts.” I am afraid her diatribe against library patrons may cause some of them not to use the library at all, for fear of committing a faux pas and incurring a librarian’s wrath.



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How much better it would have been had she compiled a list of library “do’s” instead of library “don’ts.” Example:
— Do teach your children to use and appreciate the library.
— Do check your library’s policy on food, drink and cell phones. (Many allow drinks in covered containers, and cell phones set to silent mode or in specific areas.)
— Do enlist the help of the refer-

ence librarian. You might be surprised what we can find for you in a short amount of time.
— Do use your trip to the library as a learning experience. We have a saying, “Find the book for a man, and he’ll have the information for only a day. Teach him to search the catalog, and he’ll have information for a lifetime.”
Although, like “Marian,” I’m tired of the poor etiquette I see in my library, I’m equally tired of the pervasive public image of librarians as cranky, uptight and “shushing.” As a librarian, my job is to help and educate patrons. “Marian’s” letter made it seem as if librarians are the behavior police. — ANTI-SHUSHER IN

MIAMI
DEAR ANTI-SHUSHER: Your point about casting the message in positive, rather than negative, language is well taken. And I agree that librarians have been wrongly stereotyped. However, if librarians are forced into the position of acting like “library police,” it is because their patrons are acting in a way that is destructive or disruptive. Read on:
DEAR ABBY: I wish I could nail a copy of that letter to every flat surface of our library in the hope that our patrons might read it and get a clue. It has come to my attention that some librarians are unhappy that “Marian” chose to air her grievances in a forum as public as your column — and some

have even called for a letter-writing campaign to criticize Marian for telling the truth. I say, more power to her!
— NEW JERSEY LIBRARIAN
DEAR NEW JERSEY: Thanks for the warning. The following is a letter that expresses, I suspect, their real concern.
DEAR ABBY: I haven’t seen such a vitriolic diatribe since librarians were told to stop pointing and get up off their “duffs” and go find the book for the customer! While libraries are free, taxpayers are the ones who support us, and if we have professionals in the field such as “Marian,” we have only ourselves to admonish when our tax dollars are reduced and our libraries are closed. — SOUTH BEND,

IND., LIBRARIAN
DEAR SOUTH BEND: If libraries are closing because of lack of support or patronage, it may be because people do more and more research online at home than because librarians are overzealous in enforcing rules of common courtesy. To quote a librarian from Beverly Hills, Calif.: “There is now a dwindling number of librarians due to retirement, downsizing, burnout and very low pay compared to other professions. That, coupled with a society that is becoming increasingly uncivil and underappreciative of a truly altruistic profession, makes me fear that the library profession is going the way of the dinosaur.”

TUESDAY EVENING										E=Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone										JUNE 7, 2005										
E	S		6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30																		
36	53	A&E	Cold Case Files "Chad Choice Case"		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Knievel's Wild Ride "Daytona Death Scare"		Crossing Jordan "Lost and Found"		Cold Case Files "Chad Choice Case"																			
4	6	ABC	My Wife and Kids		George Lopez	According to Jim	According to Jim	PrimeTime Live Actor Brad Pitt. (N)		News	(35) Nightline	(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)																		
26	48	ANPL	Animal Icons Making the movie "Jaws". (N)		Amazing Animal Videos "Ultimate Oddities 2"		Animal Cops San Francisco "Foul Contenders"		Animal Icons Making the movie "Jaws".		Amazing Animal Videos "Ultimate Oddities 2"																			
63	54	BRAVO	Blow Out Kimberly fails her cutting test.		Blow Out (Season Premiere) (N)		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Red Sox"		Blow Out		The West Wing "Election Night"																			
7	11	CBS	NCIS "Blackwater"		Fire Me... Please (Series Premiere) (N)		48 Hours Mystery		News	(35) Late Show With David Letterman (N)	Late Late Show																			
24	50	DISC	The Prosecutors: In Pursuit of Justice		Monster Garage Turning cars into fighters.		American Chopper "David Mann Bike 1"		Deadliest Catch "Good Fishing"		Deadliest Catch "The Clock's Ticking" (N)																			
33	44	DISN	Braceface		Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven		Click It to Pick It "Disney Movie."		Channel Original Movie"																			
49	81	E!TV	Meg Ryan: The E! THS		Fight for Fame		Gastineau Showgirls		Howard S.	Howard S.	Saturday Night Live																			
22	56	ESPN	College Softball: NCAA Tour.				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter (Live)		Fastbreak		Baseball																	
54	57	ESPN2	WNBA Basketball: Storm at Sun				Boxing Tuesday Night Fights. (Live)				Karate		Karate																	
32	46	FAM	*** "Can't Buy Me Love" (1987, Comedy)				Who's? Who's?		The 700 Club		Videos		Videos																	
59	-	FIT TV	Ultimate Goals		No Opportunity Wasted		Extremists		Extremists		Ultimate Goals		No Opportunity Wasted																	
35	31	FMC	*** "Panic in the Streets" (1950, Drama)				*** "Pickup on South Street" (1953)				*** "Fallen Angel"																			
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Jane Monheit		Roker on the Road		Roker on the Road		\$40-a-Day		\$40-a-Day		Iron Chef "Battle Bonito"		Emeril Live															
13	7	FOX	Trading Spouses: Meet Your New Mommy		House "Paternity"		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		Bob Newhart		Bob Newhart		Mary Tyler Moore		Mary Tyler Moore															
40	38	FX	King of Hill		Fear Factor		King of Hill		King of Hill		*** "Lethal Weapon 4" (1998) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover.																			
30	55	FXSP	Rockies		Pregame		MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Colorado Rockies. (Live)				Rocky Mt.		Best-Sports																	
5	14	HBO	(5:00) "Empire Falls"		Tracey Takes On...		*** "A League of Their Own" (1992, Comedy) Geena Davis, Tom Hanks.		Batman Begins		*** "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" (2004) PG																			
62	67	HGTV	Designed		Get Color		Decorating Mission		Designers' Designers'		Design House		Designed		Get Color															
58	52	HIST	Wild West Tech Technology used in saloons.		Breaking Vegas "Prince of Poker" (N)		Modern Marvels "Engineering Disasters 7"		Modern Marvels Technological breakdowns.		Wild West Tech Technology used in saloons.																			
25	35	IND	*** "Spider-Man" (2002, Action) (PA) Tobey Maguire. A bite from a mutant spider gives a teen unusual powers.				Sex and the City		Sex and the City		Friends		Friends		"Corrina, Corrina"															
18	63	LIFE	"Missing Brendan"		*** "Venus & Mars" (2001) Daniela Lunkewitz.				Golden		Golden		The Nanny		The Nanny															
23	77	MTV	TRL (TV)		MTV Cribs		MTV Cribs		Direct Effect		MTV Cribs		MTV Cribs		MTV Cribs															
3	9	NBC	News		Ent. Tonight		*** "Behind the Camera: The Unauthorized Story of Mork & Mindy" (2005) Eninn Hayes		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Identity"		News		Tonight Show		Tonight Show															
8	8	NBC	Paid Program		Paid Program		The Kansas Profile		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Identity"		News		(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno		Late Night															
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob		School		Full House		Fatherhood		Fresh Pr.		Cosby		Roseanne		Fresh Pr.		Fresh Pr.											
2	2	PBS	Nova "Elegant Universe" Dream"		(DVS)		"Einstein's Celebrate: The Best of Tina Turner A compilation of duets and interviews.				That's My Boy		Charlie Rose (N)																	
38	83	SCIFI	"Village-Damned"				"John Carpenter Presents Vampires"				*** "Prince of Darkness" (1987, Horror)																			
61	41	SPK	Maximum Exposure		Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		"Mortal Kombat"																			
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out "Savannah: John Bruce"		Clean Sweep "Proud Mary Keep on Purging"		In a Fix A family room is a shambles.		Mega Machines "Wreck and Recovery"		Overhaul'n' Rebuilding a 1966 Chevelle.																			
28	37	TNT	Law & Order "Couples"		Law & Order		(DVS)		Charmed		Charmed		The X-Files																	
51	86	TRAV	Taste		Taste		Made		Made		Secrets of Niagara Falls		Taste		Taste		Made		Made											
21	82	TVLND	Munsters		Munsters		Griffith		Leave		Sanford		All-Family		Top 10		Cheers		Cheers											
60	89	UNIV	Apuesta por un Amor		La Madrastra				Casos de la Vida Real		Impacto		Noticiero		La Hora Derbez															
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU		The 4400 "Wake Up Call"				One Tree Hill		News		Friends		Will & Grace															
12	3	WB	Friends		Everybody-Raymond		Gilmore Girls				News		Friends		Will & Grace															
99	36	WGN	McCloud "The Gang That Stole Manhattan"		Circle of Friends		WGN News at Nine		Becker		Becker		Home Delivery																	

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36	53	A&E	★★★ "Good Will Hunting" (1997) Matt Damon. A young Boston man must deal with his genius and emotions. [E]					Airline [E]	Crossing Jordan "Crime & Punishment" [E]		★★★ "Good Will Hunting" (1997) [E]					
4	6	ABC	Supernanny "Orm Family" [E]		Dancing With the Stars (Live) [E]		Lost "Pilot" [E] (Part 2 of 2) [E]		News [E]	(35) Nightline [E]	(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) [E]					
26	48	ANPL	Animal Icons "Animated Animals" (N)		The Planet's Best Animal Commercials [E]		Animal Cops San Francisco (N)		Animal Icons "Animated Animals"		The Planet's Best Animal Commercials [E]					
63	54	BRAVO	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Red Sox"		Sports Kids Moms & Dads [E]		Sports Kids Moms & Dads (N) [E]		Hit Me Baby One More Time [E]		The West Wing Election night concludes. [E]					
7	11	CBS	60 Minutes Wednesday [E]		The King of Queens [E]		Yes, Dear Queens [E]		CSI: NY "Three Generations Are Enough" [E]		News [E]	(35) Late Show With David Letterman (N) [E]				
24	50	DISC	The Prosecutors: In Pursuit of Justice [E]		Monster Garage "Celi-Jet Car" [E]		American Chopper "David Mann Bike 2" [E]		Debunked! Secrets of the Stone Spheres [E]		MythBusters Building a flying machine. (N) [E]					
33	44	DISN	Braceface [E]	Kim Possible [E]	Lizzie McGuire [E]	Sister, Sister [E]	That's So Raven [E]	That's So Raven (N) [E]	Click It to Pick It "Disney Channel Original Movie" [E]							
49	81	E!TV	What Hollywood Taught Us About Sex Answers. [E]					High Price of Fame [E]		Howard S. [E]	Howard S. [E]	Saturday Night Live [E]				
22	56	ESPN	College Softball: NCAA Tour. [E]					Baseball Tonight [E]		SportsCenter (Live) [E]		Fastbreak [E]				
54	57	ESPN2	(5:00) MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. [E]					MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) [E]								
32	46	FAM	★★★ "Doc Hollywood" (1991) Michael J. Fox. [E]					Who's? Who's? [E]		The 700 Club [E]		Videos [E]				
59	-	FIT TV	Low Carb [E]		Low Carb [E]		No Opportunity Wasted [E]		Extremists [E]		Extremists [E]					
35	31	FMC	★★★ "Five Weeks in a Balloon" (1962) [E]					★★★ "Storyville" (1992) [E]		James Spader. [E]		Hour of Stars [E]				
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Affordable recipes. (N) [E]		BBQ With Bobby Flay [E]		Foodnation [E]		Good Eats [E]	Good Eats [E]	Iron Chef America "Morimoto vs. Donna" [E]					
13	7	FOX	That '70s Show [E]		Stacked (N) [E]		The Inside "New Girl in Town" (N) (PA) [E]		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith [E]		Bob Newhart [E]	Bob Newhart [E]				
40	38	FX	"Lethal Weapon 4" [E]		Fear Factor [E]		King of Hill [E]		King of Hill [E]		★★★ "There's Something About Mary" (1998) [E]					
30	55	FXSP	Rockies [E]		Pregame [E]		MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Colorado Rockies. (Subject to Blackout) [E]		Rocky Mt. [E]		Best Sports [E]					
5	14	HBO	(5:45) ★★★ "The Whole Ten Yards" (2004) Bruce Willis. PG-13 [E]					★★★ "Stuck on You" (2003) Matt Damon. Conjoined twins star on a TV show with Cher. PG-13 [E]		★★ "Along Came Polly" (2004) Ben Stiller. [E]						
62	67	HGTV	Kitchen [E]	Weekend [E]	Want That [E]		Landscape [E]		Curb [E]	What Get [E]	Design [E]	House [E]				
58	52	HIST	Modern Marvels [E]		Modern Marvels "The John Hancock Center" [E]		Automaniac "Moonshine Cars" (N) [E]		Full Throttle Ugly 1970s cars in drag race. [E]		Modern Marvels [E]					
25	35	IND	Everybody-Raymond [E]		Everybody-Raymond [E]		The Real Gilligan's Island [E]		The Real Gilligan's Island [E]		Sex and the City [E]					
18	63	LIFE	"The Familiar Stranger" [E]		★★★ "The Colony" (1995) John Ritter. [E]		Direct Effect [E]		Golden [E]		Golden [E]					
23	77	MTV	TRL (TV) [E]		MTV Cribs [E]		MTV Cribs [E]		Famous [E]		Challenge [E]					
3	9	NBC	News [E]		Ent. Tonight [E]		Psychic Detectives (N) [E]		Law & Order "Sects" [E]		Law & Order "Cut" [E]					
8	8	NBC	Psychic Detectives (N) [E]		Law & Order "Sects" [E]		Law & Order "Cut" [E]		News [E]		(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno [E]					
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob [E]		Unfabulous [E]		Full House [E]		Fresh Pr. [E]		Cosby [E]					
2	2	PBS	Roadshow FYI [E]		Cooking Under Fire [E]		American Masters "Gene Kelly: Anatomy of a Dancer" [E]		Forever Friends [E]		Roseanne [E]					
38	83	SCIFI	Ripley-Believe [E]		Ripley-Believe [E]		Ripley-Believe [E]		"Momentum" (2003) Teri Hatcher. Lou Gossett Jr. [E]		Fresh Pr. [E]					
61	41	SPK	Maximum Exposure [E]		Wildest Police Videos [E]		CSI: Crime Scn [E]		CSI: Crime Scn [E]		★★★ "Fletch" (1985) [E]					
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out [E]		Clean Sweep "Hanging On and Letting Go" [E]		In a Fix A husband won't help redecorate. [E]		While You Were Out (N) [E]		Drydock: A Cruise Ship Reborn "Disembark" [E]					
28	37	TNT	Law & Order [E] (DVS)		★★★★ "Dances With Wolves" (1990, Western) [E]		Kevin Costner, Mary McDonnell. [E]									
51	86	TRAV	American Casino [E]		World Poker Tour (N) [E]		American Casino [E]		World Poker Tour [E]		World Poker Tour [E]					
21	82	TVLND	Griffith [E]		Griffith [E]		Griffith [E]		Top 10 (N) [E]		3's Co. [E]					
60	89	UNIV	Apuesta por un Amor [E]		La Madrastra [E]		Don Francisco Presenta [E]		Impacto [E]		Noticiero [E]					
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU [E]		Law & Order: SVU [E]		Law & Order: SVU [E]		Law & Order: SVU [E]		The 4400 [E]					
12	3	WB	Friends [E]		Everybody-Raymond [E]		Beauty and the Geek Car repair, massages. [E]		Smallville "Devoted" [E]		News [E]					
20	26	WGN	McCloud "Clash" [E]		WGN News at Nine [E]		Parkers [E]		Parkers [E]		Home Politics [E]					