

**Code of Conduct  
Of  
Library Patrons  
Of the Montgomery City-County Public Library**

The Montgomery City-County Public Library is supported by the taxes generated by the citizens of Montgomery County and provided to the library by the City of Montgomery and the Montgomery County Commission. Additional support is provided by the Alabama Public Library Service through the state aid program of the State of Alabama. As such it is expected that those who choose to utilize the libraries in Montgomery County would exhibit appropriate behavior that does not infringe on the rights of others who also choose to use the facility or those who work within the library. When such behavior occurs, the library staff is fully empowered to resolve inappropriate behavior by having those persons removed from the premises and property, or by calling for assistance from law enforcement.

Examples of unacceptable Library behavior includes but is not limited to

- Abuse/ vandalism of library facilities, materials or equipment
- Accessing inappropriate Internet site and/or viewing of graphically visual scenes over the Internet.
- Bathing, washing up or washing clothes in the restrooms
- Body odor which causes discomfort to other users of the library
- Disciplining children in a manner which disrupts the use of the library by others
- Eating or drinking in areas of the library which are not designated for such activities
- Exhibitionism and or flashing
- Excessive public display of personal affection
- Gambling
- Absence of shoes, shirts or showing of undergarments
- Sagging trousers
- Leaving young children unsupervised or allowing them to roam through the library without the near presence of an adult parent/guardian
- Loitering around the outside of library and/or refusing to leave when instructed or after closing of the library
- Noisy behavior overflowing to others and causing problems for others who are using the library.
- Use of cellular telephone in areas not designated for such purpose
- Obscene language
- Abusing staff, other users and/or other persons in the library through violent behavior and/or abusive language
- Refusing to obey the directives or instructions of Security guards and/or library staff
- Theft
- Documented alcohol and/or drug use on library property

- Voyeurism/peeping or visiting restrooms not designated for use of the opposite sex
- Smoking in entry ways to the library
- Blocking the entry ways to the library by loitering outside of the building
- Playing of games and music without the proper use of ear buds and/or ear phones
- Moving furniture from its original designation
- Two persons occupying one seat
- Soliciting of money, cigarettes, food while on the property of the library
- Using undesignated areas of the library as a restroom
- Consuming food and or liquids in areas not designated for such
- Playing, running in the library or outside on the grassy areas
- Writing, drawing or posting of any material on library property
- Placing feet or legs on furniture
- Curling up on furniture
- Following staff or users around the building for the purpose of either harassing menacing or intimidating them
- Carrying weapons of any kind
- Fighting

#### Acceptable Behavior

- Speaking in a low voice
- Stepping outside of library to engage in long cellular phone calls
- Carrying children outside of library to discipline them
- Walking
- Going to a designated smoking area to smoke
- Using ear buds or ear phones with iPods, etc.
- Speaking respectfully to library staff
- Knowing where your minor child is at all times
- Only using the Library's Internet to explore wholesome sites
- Visiting of personal sites exhibiting graphically depicted pictures outside of the Library
- Keeping feet on the floor at all times
- Not writing on walls, or building facades
- Respecting and obeying library staff and guards

The list above represents the immediate concerns of the Library staff in its effort to create a clean, wholesome and safe place and environment for its users. It is not intended to abridge the rights of any segment of the community, but instead, it is intended to put all members of the community on the same playing field throughout the Montgomery City-County Public Library System and maintain a safe facility for all citizens of Montgomery County.