



Patron Code of Conduct

Every library user has the right to use the facilities of the library without being disturbed by others. Therefore, the staff has the right to ask anyone to leave the library if, in the judgment of the senior staff person on duty, other patrons and users are being disturbed.

No person shall:

- Make solicitations for any reasons in library public areas.
- Smoke anywhere in the library.
- Use a cell phone in the library. Foyers may be used during inclement weather.
- Willfully annoy another person, interfere with another person's use of the library, or display print or non-print materials of an offensive nature to others, or interfere with the library staffs performance of duties.
- Damage or deface public property.
- Improperly remove library materials or equipment.
- Talk loudly, make noise, use abusive or threatening language, or engage in other disruptive behavior.
- Utter profane, obscene or injurious language directed at another person.
- Remain in the building after regular closing hours.
- Enter or remain in the library without wearing a shirt or shoes.
- Lie down on furniture, put feet up on furniture or move furniture other than chairs at tables.
- Lie or lounge on the floor, or sleep anywhere in the library.
- Bring animals into the library, except those needed to assist a patron with a disability.
- Play audio equipment so that others can hear it. The use of headsets is permitted as long as such use does not disturb other library patrons.
- Bring a bicycle inside the building
- Use roller skates, roller blades or skateboards on library property.
- Eat or take food or drinks into any of the library public areas other than the foyers.
- Leave children who are in need of supervision unattended.
- Allow children who cannot read to access any library computer keyboard.
- Violate any City Ordinance in the library or on library grounds.
- Exhibit body odor which elicits complaints from other patrons.

This policy does not prohibit quiet conversation between patrons and/or staff members or conversations required to carry on library programs or business. It is designed to preserve a reasonable atmosphere where library patrons may use library materials and services without disturbance. In the case of minor (non-criminal) offenses the staff will normally allow the offender(s) one warning prior to expulsion. The staff may expel the offender(s) without a warning, at the discretion of the staff, in situations of serious, threatening or willfully malicious behavior.