LIBRARY PATRON CODE OF CONDUCT

Library patrons have the right to use library materials and services without being unduly disturbed or impeded by other library users, and patrons and staff have the right to a secure and congenial environment.

- Any behavior that disrupts or hinders public use of the Library is prohibited on library property. This includes, but is not limited to, loud, boisterous behavior, verbal or physical harassment, running, fighting or being under the influence of or having possession of alcohol or an unlawful substance.
- Seating at library tables, chairs and in study rooms is limited to the number of persons the furniture was designed for and the posted capacity of the room.
- Smoking and chewing tobacco is not permitted inside the library or within 50 feet of the library building outside.
- Patrons are expected to quiet cell phones and limit use to texting or talking in the lobby.
- Food and drink is not permitted in the library unless use is limited to a meeting room and is approved by library staff.
- Bicycles are not permitted in the library. Roller skating/blading and skate boarding are not permitted in the library. Wagons and strollers are permitted inside the library, but may not be left obstructing a corridor, hallway, aisle, entry or exit.
- Prolonged or chronic sleeping is not permitted.
- Relocating library furniture or equipment is not allowed without the permission of library staff.
- Damaging, defacing, or misusing library materials, equipment or facilities is prohibited and may result in loss of library privileges.
- Entering a designated staff only space is not permitted without permission from library staff.
- Viewing explicit or pornographic materials or websites on any device in the library is not allowed.
- While respecting an individual’s right to privacy whenever possible, library staff has the right to monitor use of public access computers to ensure proper use. Inappropriate or illegal, or unacceptable use of the library’s computers, network and wireless network can result in loss of computer and/or library privileges. Examples of prohibited uses include, but are not limited to accessing files, passwords or data belonging to others; damaging or altering hardware or software; attempting to bypass any library-installed software in order to gain additional and/or inappropriate access, unauthorized reproduction of copyrighted, licenses or other protected material; misrepresenting one’s identity; harassing or interfering with other library patrons; violation of any local, state, federal or international laws.
- Parents or other legal guardians are responsible for the behavior of their minor children in the library. Children age 9 and under must have a responsible adult with them at all times. Children ages 10-12 must have a responsible adult in the building.
- Animals, except those designated as a service animal, are not permitted in the library.
- Selling, soliciting, panhandling, or loitering is not allowed in Library premises.
- The distribution of leaflets or posting of notices must be authorized by library management.
- Lack of personal hygiene that materially disrupts others from using the library’s facilities, collections or services is not permitted. Shaving, bathing or laundering clothes in public restrooms is also not allowed.
- Following staff or patrons around the library or staring at staff and patrons in such a manner that the performance of their duties or use of library services is disrupted is not allowed.
- Disrupting library staff or patrons with excessive noise, abusive, obscene or threatening language is not allowed.

Persons who fail to observe these rules may be asked to leave the building.