

Patron Code of Conduct

In order to insure a constructive use of library facilities, materials, and services, as well as the personal comfort of all patrons, the Board of Trustees has established the following rules for use:

1. Reasonable quiet is expected, especially in designated study areas. No patron may disturb others using the library. Cell phones should be set to "vibrate" while in the building. Cell phone conversations are permitted only in the lobby.
2. Misconduct such as the use of threatening language and gestures, public drunkenness, drug usage, sale or exchange of alcohol or drugs, loud talking, running, pushing, fighting or other offensive behavior will result in expulsion from the building and suspension of library privileges. Illegal activities are subject to prosecution.
3. The library assumes no responsibility for the care and supervision of children. Parents or caregivers are responsible for the behavior of their children. All children under the age of seven (7) must be supervised by a parent or caregiver at all times.
4. Eating is not permitted in the library building. Only water in closed containers may be consumed in the building, but not in computer areas. Smoking is permitted only beyond 50 feet of the main entrance.
5. Pets are not permitted in the library except for properly identified service animals that aid the physically or emotionally challenged, or for programming purposes.
6. Patrons shall be fully clothed, including footwear. Patrons shall maintain a generally acceptable standard of personal hygiene. Unpleasant body odor, which may offend other library patrons or staff, is considered unacceptable.
7. Other unacceptable library behavior includes sleeping, staring, stalking, soliciting, loitering, petitioning (except for library issues), lewd behavior, littering and damage to property. No patron behavior that prevents the normal functioning of the library will be tolerated. Illegal activities are subject to prosecution.
8. Patrons are encouraged to report disruptive individuals to the staff.
9. Library materials must be returned on time and in good condition. (Overdue materials deprive others in need of those materials.)
10. A library patron who deliberately alters a library computer program or destroys computer equipment will forfeit all library privileges and will be subject to financial liability for damages. Such activities are subject to prosecution.
11. A patron who vandalizes, steals, or destroys any library material, equipment or building components will forfeit all library privileges and will be subject to financial liability for damages. Such activities are subject to prosecution.

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