

Library Patron Code of Conduct

The purpose of the Library Patron Code of Conduct is to maintain a safe and pleasant environment for all library patrons. It also ensures access to library facilities, the safety of users and staff, and the protection of the library collection, equipment and facility.

Patrons have the responsibility to use the library in a manner that a) does not interfere with the rights of other individuals to use library materials, resources, and services; b) does not limit the ability of library staff to conduct library business; and c) does not threaten the secure and comfortable environment of the library. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Prohibited conduct includes any illegal activity and may include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Willfully annoying, harassing, or threatening another person.
2. Consuming alcohol or controlled substances, being intoxicated, smoking, or using tobacco products.
3. Defacing the library building, or using furniture or equipment in a manner that could cause harm to self, patrons, or staff, or personal or public property.
4. Soliciting, posting notices, fundraising, or selling, unless authorized by the library director.
5. Behaving in a loud, boisterous or disruptive manner. Fighting or threatening to fight, running, pushing, shoving or throwing things.
6. Staring at or following another patron or library staff member in a manner which is intimidating or can reasonably be expected to disturb.
7. Using a cell phone, pager, audio player or other electronic device in a manner that is disruptive.
8. Impeding access to the building or an area of the building or blocking book stack aisles for extended periods of time.
9. Bringing animals into the library, except service animals, unless authorized by the library director or designee.