

Patron Code of Conduct

The Board of Trustees has established the following rules in order to maintain a constructive Library environment in which patrons can be assured of a positive Library experience:

1. Reasonable quiet is expected, especially in the non-fiction room. No patron may disturb others using the Library.
2. Misconduct such as the use of foul or threatening language and gestures, running, pushing, fighting, sleeping, staring, stalking, soliciting, and other behavior deemed offensive by Library staff is prohibited.
3. No patrons shall bring into the Library drugs, alcohol or weapons of any kind. Public drunkenness, drug usage, or the sale or exchange of alcohol or drugs is prohibited.
4. Cell phones must be set to silent or vibrate while in the Library. All cell phone conversations must take places outside of the Library or in the vestibules.
5. All food must be consumed outside of the Library. Hot beverages with a lid, or beverages in sealable bottles are permitted.
6. No smoking in the Library or on Library grounds.
7. A shirt (not just an undershirt) and shoes are required at all times while in the Library. Patrons shall maintain a generally acceptable standard of personal hygiene. Patrons whose bodily hygiene is so offensive as to constitute a nuisance to other persons shall be required to leave the building.
8. The Library assumes no responsibility for the care and supervision of children. All children under the age of 10 must be supervised at all times by a parent/guardian or other responsible adult.
9. Patrons are not permitted to view offensive or inappropriate material on Library computers. Inappropriate content will be determined by Library staff.
10. Patrons shall not bring pets into the Library. Licensed service dogs are permitted with proper proof of certification, as well as service dogs in training.
11. All materials returned past due will incur overdue fines. Patrons who return material damaged will be responsible for the item's replacement cost.
12. Due to noise and safety concerns, there can be no gathering in public thoroughways, including hallways, walkways and stairways.
13. Unless being parked in the bike rack, skateboards, scooters, and bikes may not be used on Library property or brought into the building. This includes all Library porches, steps, ramps and walkways. The Library is not responsible for injuries occurred on Library property.
14. No property shall be left unattended at any time while in the Library, or on Library grounds. (an exception being bikes locked at the bike rack) The Library is not responsible for any lost property.
15. No patrons shall use Library phones for personal reasons.
16. A Library patron who vandalizes, steals, or destroys any Library material, equipment of building components will forfeit all Library privileges and will be subject to financial liability for damages.

Failure to abide by Library policies, guidelines and/or instructions from Library staff may result in fines, expulsion from the Library, and/or suspension of Library privileges. Patrons are encouraged to report disruptive individuals to the staff. Concerns should be brought to the attention of the Library Director.