

Section 2.1: Rules of Conduct

In order to maintain a pleasant and safe environment for patrons, the Library reserves the right to respond to any and all conduct that disturbs library patrons or staff, or that hinders others from using the Library or Library materials.

Conduct at the Library

Disruptive behavior affecting customers or staff is prohibited, including but not limited to:

- Fighting, threatening the safety of others, or provoking violence
- Harassing or inappropriate language or behavior (including during online or phone interactions)
- Hate speech or hateful conduct directed at patrons or staff
- Damage to or theft of library materials or property
- Being under the influence or in possession of alcohol, cannabis, or any illegal substance
- Smoking, vaping, use of tobacco products, or use of cannabis inside the library or within 15 feet of entrances, and exits
- Possession of weapons or look-alike weapons
- Bathing, shaving, or washing clothes in public restrooms or other areas
- Soliciting of any type inside the Library or on Library grounds
- Disorderly, disruptive, or unruly conduct
- Any other unlawful conduct, or any other unacceptable conduct as determined by Library management or person-in-charge

Customers may enjoy covered non-alcoholic beverages and snack food throughout the Library unless otherwise indicated. Food is not allowed around Library computers and technology equipment. Meals, messy foods, and smelly foods are not allowed. Customers are expected to properly dispose of trash after finishing snacks and beverages.

Patrons are expected to wear appropriate clothing and footwear at all times. Proper footwear should be worn while walking around the Library.

The use of cell phones and other electronic devices is permitted at a reasonable volume that does not disturb others.

Patrons who disrupt others' use of the Library due to offensive odor will be asked to leave, and will be welcomed back once the odor has been addressed.

Library materials must be properly checked out before removal from the premises. Patrons may be asked to provide proof of checkout. A staff member or security officer may ask to inspect a patron's personal belongings before they leave the premises.

Bringing pets or animals into the Library is prohibited. Other than authorized service animals, some emotional support animals may be allowed as determined by the Library Director or the Director's designee

Patrons may not leave personal belongings. The Library is not responsible for any loss of patrons' personal belongings, through theft or otherwise.

Enforcement

Enforcement of the Rules of Conduct will be conducted fairly and reasonably. A person whose behavior violates any of these rules will be informed of the rules and asked to cease the behavior.

The Library reserves the right to require anyone violating the Rules of Conduct or refusing to comply with staff instructions to leave Library property. Serious or repeated misconduct may lead to the person having his or her Library privileges limited or suspended for a period of time depending on the severity of the offense.

A person whose behavior violates any of these rules may be asked to provide identification, including their Library card. Refusing to provide identification or giving false information may result in being required to leave the premises or in having his or her Library privileges limited or suspended.

A person responsible for damage, destruction, or theft of Library property will have his or her Library privileges suspended immediately. Privileges are not eligible to be reinstated until the person has compensated the Library for the full cost of damage, destruction, or theft.

Failure to comply with the Library's patron behavior policies may result in removal from the premises and exclusion from the Library for a period from one day to one year, or arrest and prosecution depending upon the nature of the misconduct. Violations may also restrict or terminate Library privileges, including the use of computers and other Library resources.

When a patron is excluded for misconduct, he or she shall be given an opportunity to discuss the basis for exclusion with the Library Director or the Director's designee. A patron who is excluded for a period of more than one day may request in writing that the Library Board of Trustees review the decision at the next regularly scheduled monthly Board meeting.