

## PATRON CODE OF CONDUCT

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The Library Board of Trustees is responsible for establishing the rules for public behavior in the Library that are necessary to promote a positive environment for library patrons and employees. These rules support the mission and values of the Library.

- Street attire, including shirts and shoes, is required.
- Smoking, chewing tobacco, or using electronic cigarettes or similar devices is prohibited in the Library or on library property.
- Possession, use, or being under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol is prohibited.
- Eating or drinking at public computers is not permitted. Consuming food or beverages (in type or quantity) that are disruptive or damaging because of odor, waste, or spills is not permitted.
- Possessing deadly weapons of any kind, concealed or in plain view, is prohibited in the Library.
- Bringing animals into the Library is prohibited unless authorized.
- Disruptive behavior is not permitted. Examples include, but are not limited to: yelling, rowdy behavior, abusive or threatening behavior, and obscenities.
- Patrons must be engaged in activities associated with the use of the Library while in the building. Patrons not engaged in reading, studying, using library materials or services, attending programs or classes, or viewing exhibits may be asked to leave the Library.
- Bicycles must be parked in the bicycle racks and should be locked. The Library is not responsible for theft or damage.
- Members of the public may not make solicitations of library staff or library patrons. Members of the public may circulate petitions outside the Library from the east/west sidewalk east of the mailbox on the south side and the east/west city sidewalk on the north side.
- Photographing, filming, or recording Library staff or patrons without their permission is prohibited.

Library staff are required to bring to an individual's attention any act which violates these rules. The individual will be informed of the rules and given the opportunity to correct the behavior. Continued violations may result in removal from library property.

In addition, patrons must comply with all federal, state, and local laws. Suspected illegal activity will be reported to the police. Violations of law may result in a patron being expelled from the Library, arrested, prosecuted, and other legal action as appropriate.

The Library Board of Trustees reserves the right to revoke the library privileges of any person whose behavior constitutes a nuisance or danger to other library patrons, staff, or property.