

## Rules of Conduct

The Library is responsible for establishing rules of conduct to protect the rights and safety of Library patrons, volunteers, and staff; and for preserving and protecting the Library's materials, equipment, facilities, and grounds.

- Any behavior that is disruptive or hinders use of the library is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, loud or boisterous behavior, harassment, lewd behavior, being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, running, and fighting.
- Deliberate obscene or vulgar language will not be tolerated. Patrons using such language will be asked to leave.
- Patrons shall not use restrooms to shave, bathe, or launder clothes.
- Prolonged sleeping is not allowed.
- The staff cannot take responsibility for children left alone at the library.
- The library is a smoke and tobacco-free facility. E-cigarettes are not permitted.
- Shoes and shirts must be worn in the library.
- Animals, with the exception of service animals, are not permitted in the library. Animals may not be left unattended on library property.
- Proper care of library materials is expected of all patrons. Theft, vandalism, and mutilation of library property are criminal offenses and will be dealt with accordingly.
- Do not leave personal belongings unattended in the library. The library is not responsible for the loss of personal belongings.
- All parents, teachers, guardians, and baby-sitters will be held responsible for the actions of the children in their charge while in the library.
- Violation of federal or state laws or local ordinances will not be permitted on library property.

This policy cannot begin to cover all behavior that is "disruptive or hinders use of the library." In these matters, what is determined to be "disruptive" or "hinders use" will be at the discretion of the Director and library staff.