

LIBRARY BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

The following behaviors will not be tolerated. Examples of disruptive behaviors are included below, however this list is not exclusive. Engaging in disruptive behaviors may result in suspension of use of the Library, either for a defined period of time or permanently:

- Committing or attempting to commit any activity that would constitute a crime or a violation of local ordinances
- Trespassing by entering or remaining on library premises after having been notified by an authorized individual not to do so, and entering or remaining on the library premises during the period in which an individual has been banned from the premises
- Entering non-public areas of the library without permission
- Carrying a firearm other than allowed by law
- Carrying a weapon (other than a lawfully allowed firearm)
- Inappropriate dress, such as bathing suits and wet clothing or not wearing a shirt or shoes in the library
- Leaving children unsupervised [see also "Unattended Children Policy"]
- Improper computer and internet usage [see also Internet Use Policy]
- Willfully engaging in any behavior that is disruptive, harassing, or threatening in nature
- Physical or verbal altercations including assault or violent acts
- Engaging in any sexual contact, activities or conduct.
- Theft, including not properly checking out Library materials or equipment
- Vandalism or deliberate destruction or mutilation of library materials or property
- Reconfiguring computer software offered by the Library
- Cursing, obscene or abusive language or gestures
- Smoking or use of any tobacco product or e-cigarette
- Bodily hygiene that is offensive so as to constitute a nuisance to other persons; in such instances, Library staff may ask visitors to leave the Library until the bodily hygiene is no longer offensive
- Using or possessing controlled substances in the Library or on the grounds
- Drinking or bringing open alcoholic beverages into the Library or on the grounds, with the exception of legal-aged guests at authorized Library events where alcohol is served
- Coming onto Library property while intoxicated or under the influence of controlled substances
- Leaving personal items unattended on Library property; such items may be discarded at the discretion of Library management in order to preserve a safe environment for Library guests and staff
- Leaving any unauthorized vehicle in the parking lot overnight; such vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense
- Roller-skating, roller-blading, skateboarding, scootering or bicycling beyond uses as transportation to get to the Library to use materials in the building
- Misusing library property in any manner that may damage the property, to include placing feet on the furniture.
- Soliciting and/or selling without prior approval of Library management
- Running, shouting, and/or roughhousing
- Sleeping in the Library building
- Interfering with the safe and free passage of library staff or patrons on the premises, including but not limited to the placement of objects in hallways or aisles and playing in the elevators or on staircases Disturbing others with loud talking, including during the use of portable phones and other electronic devices
- Selling, soliciting, surveying, distributing or posting written materials, panhandling, or canvassing for any purpose inside the Library building or on Library grounds without prior authorization of the Executive Director or Library Board
- Playing music or other media at a level that is disruptive to other guests and/or Library neighbors
- Trading products or services for cash or other consideration (*except in support of the Library*); political rallies or meetings; religious services or instruction are not allowed on Library property.
- Bringing animals, insects and other living organisms into the Library by visitors. Service animals are permitted in the Library. From time to time, animals, etc. may be used in Library programs with the permission of the Library's Executive Director and only under certain conditions that address the safety of guests and care of the facility.