

Rules of CONDUCT for Library Patrons

TEMPORARY REVISION DUE TO COVID-19 SAFETY STANDARDS & PROTOCOLS

In order to allow library patrons and staff to use the library's facilities without disturbance or undue interference, and to provide a clean, pleasant and safe environment, **the following are prohibited in the library:**

- 1 Not following the City's guidelines that require that all patrons ages 2 and up wear face coverings that completely cover the nose and mouth while in the library, and observe 6 feet social distancing from staff and other patrons.
- 2 Smoking, vaping, sleeping, eating, or bringing open containers of food or drink in the library. Beverages with a lid are permitted.
- 3 Weapons of any kind, even those licensed or permitted, except those possessed by on-duty law enforcement officers.
- 4 Interfering with another person's use of the library, or the library staff's performance of their duties including disturbing, offending, intimidating, annoying or harassing of others or engaging in any disruptive or unsafe behavior.
- 5 Leaving a child under the age of 8 unattended. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult (18+).
- 6 Bringing any containers, packages, briefcases, parcels, or bundles into the library which singly or collectively exceed 24"x 18"x 6". All items not prohibited are subject to inspection.
- 7 Bringing shopping carts or wheeled conveyances into the building, with the exception of wheelchairs and baby strollers/carriages used for the actual transport of a person or child or wheeled backpacks and book carriers not exceeding 24"x15"x12" (excluding handles).
- 8 Bringing sleeping bags, bed-rolls, or blankets into the building (blankets for small children are acceptable).
- 9 Bringing any animal into the building, with the exception of service animals accompanying a person with disabilities. As defined, a service animal (dog or miniature horse) is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. The animal's work or tasks must directly relate to the handler's disability.
- 10 Coming into the library without wearing shoes and a shirt.
- 11 Using mobile devices at a volume that disturbs others.
- 12 Distributing handbills or flyers, soliciting signatures for petitions, selling merchandise, or other similar activities that may disrupt patrons use and enjoyment of the library.
- 13 Restroom sinks shall be used for washing hands and face only.
- 14 Engaging in any activity prohibited by law.



Noncompliance with the Rules of Conduct may result in an individual being required to leave the library premises, or in arrest and prosecution.