

MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ORDER ON LIBRARY PROPERTY

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR

Unacceptable behavior includes any activity that disturbs other, interferes with library operations, damages the building or furnishings, as well as rudeness, profanity, or any other behavior generally considered inappropriate in a public place. To ensure the comfort and safety of staff and patrons and maintain order in the library the following actions are not permitted in the library:

- Engaging in any activity in violation of Federal, State, local or other applicable law or Library policy.
- Carrying firearms or dangerous weapons (except for law enforcement officers).
- Being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, or selling, using or possessing alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Verbally or physically threatening or abusive behavior, including stalking, offensive touching or indecent exposure.
- Entering the library without shoes, pants or shirts.
- Entering the library with offensive body odor or personal hygiene (so strong that it is offensive to other patrons, for example you can smell them from 10 feet away) or being otherwise attired so to be disruptive to the library environment.
- Trespassing in non-public areas or being in the library without permission of an authorized library employee before or after library hours.
- Creating disruptive noises such as shouting, using profanity or obscenities, rudeness and/or screaming.
- Fighting or challenging to fight, running, pushing, shoving or throwing things.
- Using audible devices without headphones. Noise from headphones and laptop computers must not be audible to others.
- Eating or drinking.
- Loitering on the premises, including sleeping.
- Cell phone conversations other than in the library's lobby.
- Excessive cell phone ringing (please turn off ringer or set to vibrate).
- Littering.
- Smoking (includes e-cigarettes) or other tobacco use in the library.
- Sitting on library tables or putting feet on library furniture.
- Bringing animals into the library other than service animals or animals used in library programming.
- Any tampering with or destruction of library property.

Library staff will enforce these guidelines. Any individual exhibiting unacceptable behavior will be asked to stop such behavior or leave the library. Any person who is asked to leave the library as a result of the violation of these guidelines and refuses to do so shall be considered to be trespassing and may be subject to permanent exclusion from the library and the police may be notified.

PERSONAL HYGEINE

A person entering the Library barefooted, without a shirt, with offensive body odor or personal hygiene (so strong that it is offensive to other patrons, for example you can smell them from 10 feet away) or being otherwise attired so to be disruptive to the library environment will be asked to leave the library until the situation is remedied.