

Section 3. Patron Behavior

I. Code of Conduct (Amended 5/12/16)

The Patron Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Board in an effort to provide an inviting atmosphere for patrons to use the library. As part of establishing an environment of accessibility and pleasant surroundings, the library will not condone behaviors that are damaging to library property or materials, or that disturb the work of staff or activities of other patrons. Library staff will ensure that all patrons abide equally by the guidelines stated in the code.

1. All noise, whether generated by person or by electronic device, should be kept to a minimum volume. Cell phones are permitted, but conversations should not exceed normal conversational volume. Ringtones, pagers, and alarms should be set to vibrate or kept at a minimal volume.
2. The library should be used for browsing, reading, studying, researching, or other appropriate purposes. Sleeping, bathing, and other domestic activities are prohibited.
3. Shirts, shoes, and appropriate personal hygiene are required when using the library.
4. Smoking is prohibited in the library and within a 10 foot radius of all library doors.
5. Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are prohibited on library property. Displays of behavior suggesting intoxication or drug use are similarly prohibited.
6. Defacing, vandalizing, mutilating, or stealing library property is prohibited.
7. Staff work areas are not open to the public.
8. Library telephones are not available to the public, except in the case of emergencies.
9. Physical, sexual, or verbal harassment or abuse of staff and/or patrons is prohibited.
10. Firearms and other weapons are prohibited on library property.
11. Library patrons are responsible for personal items while using the library. All personal items should remain with the patron at all times. Bicycles are prohibited from the library; other wheeled items are permitted only as transportation to and from the library. This library will not be liable for lost or stolen items.
12. Solicitation of all types is prohibited on library property.
13. Photography, sound recording, or filming on library property must cease at the request of any staff member.
14. Food is not permitted in the Library. Drinks are prohibited at computer work stations, in the Kansas Room and in the Learning Center. In other areas, drinks must be carried in a spill-proof container with a lid securely in place.
15. Any behavior disruptive to normal staff and/or patron use of the library is prohibited.

Any violation of this code may result in a permanent revocation of library privileges. Certain violations may result in criminal prosecution. Any use of the library assumes acceptance of the terms of this code.