RULES OF CONDUCT

Illegal, disruptive or other inappropriate conduct that interferes with the operation or enjoyment of the Library by staff or patrons is prohibited. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Possessing a deadly or dangerous weapon within the library building. For purposes of this rule, a “deadly or dangerous weapon” may include a bladed instrument, explosive device, or other item held for the purpose of endangering or inflicting bodily harm on a person with the exception of a lawfully possessed firearm or pocket knife with a blade of six inches or less.

2. Theft, destruction or injury to library equipment or property; or, using library equipment in a manner other than intended by the manufacturer.

3. Bringing a pet or other animal into the Library, other than an assistance dog, assistance dog in training, service dog or service miniature horse as defined by state and federal law. Patrons will be asked to remove their service or assistance animal from the Library if the animal:
   a. poses a direct threat to the safety of others
   b. is out of control and effective action is not taken to control it
   c. is not housebroken, or
   d. interferes with the Library’s fundamental purpose, e.g., continuous barking.

4. Using cellular telephones, radios or other sound-producing devices in a disruptive manner.

5. Selling items on Library premises except for sales that have been pre-authorized by Library Administration and are being conducted for the benefit of the Library or of performers retained by the Library.

6. Distributing written materials (“leafletting”), petitioning for signatures, conducting surveys, or soliciting inside the Library building. Leafletting, petitioning, or soliciting immediate monetary donations on Library outdoor premises in a manner that blocks driveways, parking areas or building access points.

7. Sleeping.

8. Following staff members or other patrons around the premises with the intent to annoy or harass.

9. Threatening staff members or other patrons on the premises.

10. Consuming meals or beverages in public areas of the Library, except for beverages in closed containers and snacks.

11. Use of tobacco products or vaping devices such as e-cigarettes or e-cigars inside the Library building or outside on Library premises except within designated smoking areas located at least twenty-five (25) feet from building entrances and exits.

12. Bringing into the Library large bundles, packages or personal property which cannot be stored under a study chair or carrel surface. If the exit security gate alarm is triggered, security or other library staff will require that bags, bundles, etc., be opened by the owner for examination of contents.
13. Impeding the free movement of persons into, out of, or within the Library. Entering or remaining within the Library barefoot or without being fully clothed.
14. Using roller blades, skateboards, or bringing bicycles inside the library building or on the deck entry area immediately surrounding the building.
15. Leaving a bicycle unattended anywhere on the library premises other than at an approved bike rack.
16. Parents are responsible for the behavior of their children in the Library at all times. Children under the age of 10 must be attended by a parent or other responsible caregiver at all times while in the Library.
17. Bathing, shaving, brushing teeth, trimming or cutting hair or nails, or changing, washing or drying clothes anywhere on the library premises.
18. Possessing or consuming alcohol.
19. Engaging in any criminal activity.
20. Engaging in any other behavior disturbing or disruptive to staff or patrons.

Library staff may take action to correct violations of this regulation which, depending upon the circumstances, may include asking a patron to conform his or her conduct to the requirements of this regulation, suspending a patron’s privilege to use the Library, and/or involving law enforcement. Further, a patron may be held financially responsible for theft of, destruction, or injury to Library property caused by the patron or by a service or assistance animal accompanying the patron.