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. 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.
5. Distributing written materials (“leafletting”), petitioning for signatures, conducting surveys, or soliciting immediate monetary donations inside the Library building or on Library outdoor premises in a manner that blocks driveways, parking areas or building access points.
7. Threatening, harassing, or following staff members or other patrons on the premises.
8. Consuming food or beverages in public areas of the Library, except for beverages in closed containers and, in designated areas only, packaged snacks.
9. 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.

10. Possessing or consuming alcohol.
11. Personal property which impedes movement within the Library. Security has the right to inspect bags and personal belongings upon reasonable suspicion.
12. Impeding the free movement of persons into, out of, or within the Library.
13. Entering or remaining within the Library barefoot or without being fully clothed.
14. Using wheeled transportation including but not limited to roller blades, and skateboards, or bringing bicycles inside the library building or on the deck entry area immediately surrounding the Main Library building.
15. Leaving a bicycle unattended anywhere on the library premises other than at an approved bike rack.
16. Children under the age of 10 unattended 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. Engaging in any criminal activity.
19. 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.