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## CODE OF CONDUCT

### To Support a Positive Experience at the Library

1. Profane, threatening, or abusive language/gestures/behavior that disturbs others is prohibited.
2. Personal property must be kept within the library user's control.
3. Service animals, as [defined](#) by the Americans with Disabilities Act, are the only animals allowed inside the library. Pets and animals for emotional support, comfort, or therapy are not allowed in the library. Service animals must be leashed, harnessed, or tethered unless the library user's disability prevents using these devices, in which case the library user must maintain control through voice, signal, or other means. Library users may be asked to remove their service animal from the library if the animal:
  - o Poses a direct threat to the safety of others.
  - o Is out of control and effective action is not taken to control it.
  - o Is not housebroken.
  - o Interferes with the library's fundamental purpose, e.g., by continuous barking.
4. Petitioning, solicitation, and distribution of written materials ("leafletting") is only acceptable outside of the library and so long as it does not limit access to the building's entrances and exits.
5. Harassment of any type, e.g., physical, sexual, verbal, or stalking, of library staff or other library users is prohibited in person, telephonically, digitally, or by any other means.
6. Damage, theft, or destruction of library property, including use of library equipment in a manner other than intended by the manufacturer, is prohibited.
7. Possession or consumption of alcohol or other controlled substances is prohibited.
8. Engaging in sexual conduct, viewing pornographic materials, or engaging in other lewd acts e.g., exposure, masturbation, or nudity, is prohibited.
9. Possession of a deadly or dangerous weapon is prohibited. An exception is made for a lawfully possessed firearm or pocketknife with a blade six inches or less.
10. Parents/caregivers are responsible for their minor child(ren)'s safety and behavior while in the library, whether they are present or not. Children under the age of ten (10) are required to always be accompanied by a caregiver within the library.
11. Library users must always wear appropriate clothing and footwear in the library.
12. Packaged snacks and covered beverages may be consumed in designated areas and during approved library programs.
13. Sleeping, bathing, and other hygiene activities that inhibit the fundamental purpose and use of the library are prohibited.
14. Use of roller blades/scooters or bringing bicycles inside the library building is prohibited.
15. Smoking or vaping is allowed only in designated areas, which are at least twenty-five (25) feet away from entrances and exits. Tobacco and vaping products must be stored in personal belongings and out of sight while inside the library.
16. Library users must comply with all local, state, and federal laws while in the library and while using library services.