

5. Library Use

5.1 Patron Code of Conduct

By entering the library a patron is making a commitment to act courteously toward all other people, to act responsibly with regard to public property and to follow all rules of the facility. The use of the library is for reading, studying and learning.

Generally, patrons are expected to:

1. Supervise children at all times
2. Keep all valuables and personal property. The Library is not responsible for lost items.
3. Engage in activities associated with the use of a public library. Patrons not reading, studying, using library materials or attending events may be asked to leave the building.

No illegal acts are permitted. This includes, but is not limited to, any action prohibited in these policies. In order to provide a safe and comfortable environment, the following are specifically NOT permitted inside the buildings:

1. Animals or pets (except service animals)
2. Any behavior that interferes with the peaceful enjoyment of the library
3. Bathing or shaving or laundering or personal hygiene of any type in public spaces
4. Bicycles
5. Cell phone conversations, except in lobby or outdoors
6. Computer use in violation of policy
7. Consumption of food in an undesignated area
8. Uncovered beverage
9. Profanity, threatening, harassing, or intimidating language or behavior
10. Sleeping
11. Unsupervised children under age 13
12. Any behavior that creates health or environmental hazards, including an unacceptable standard of hygiene

The following acts constitute violations against the County and are subject to legal action and/or loss of library privileges, including being banned from the premises:

1. Loitering, soliciting, or panhandling on library property
2. Public intoxication
3. Harassment or threats of any type to anyone
4. Using tobacco products or ecigarettes in any building or within 100 feet of an entrance.
5. Sequestering or "stashing" library property or personal items within the library building for the exclusive use of an individual or group
6. Defacing, mutilating, or otherwise damaging library property

7. Removing or attempting to remove library property from the library without proper authorization
8. Stealing or knowingly possessing stolen library property
9. Trafficking, for profit or otherwise, in library property
10. Using library property or materials, including computers or wireless network, to commit a crime
11. Trespassing in non-public areas without authorization or in any library facilities after closing hours

Enforcement of the above policies is the responsibility of the Director.