

# Patron Responsibilities and Library Code of Conduct

In order to serve large numbers of people and to maintain a clean, safe, and orderly environment, the library requests that patrons conduct themselves in a manner that is in keeping with the purposes of a public library.

1. No loitering without intent to use library services.
2. Appropriate attire, including shoes and fastened/closed shirt must be worn.
3. No running or other disorderly conduct in the library.
4. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult.
5. No loud conversation or noise.
6. No playing audio equipment without headphones.
7. No cell phone use in the library; the lobby or outdoors may be used.
8. No sitting on tables.
9. No consumption of food or beverages in the building, except for special events or as approved by the Director.
10. No animals in the building, except those for medical purposes which have identifying tags.
11. No use of tobacco products in the building.
12. Alcoholic beverages and illegal substances are prohibited in the library and on its grounds. Alcoholic beverages may be permitted by the Board of Trustees under special circumstances.
13. Patrons must leave the library at designated closing times.
14. No skating, skateboarding, or rollerblading on library property.
15. No firearms or other weapons are allowed in the library or on library property, except those carried by law enforcement personnel.
16. No solicitation, harassment, or invasion of privacy of library patrons or employees of the library.
17. Sexual contact, exhibitionism, or abuse of any kind, such as, but not limited to, physically harming, threatening, or disturbing another is not allowed.
18. No theft, mutilation, or defacement of library property, including building, grounds, equipment, restrooms, or materials. (See Pa.C.S.A. Section 3929.I et seq., as amended and See 18 Pa.C.S.A. Section 6708, as amended.)
19. Passing undesirable, suggestive, profane, or objectionable material to library patrons or employees is not allowed.

## Penalties

Patrons who fail to conduct themselves accordingly, after warning by library personnel, may be asked to leave the library premises for a specified period of time. A person that persists in the disapproved conduct and who refuses to leave the building/grounds when requested will be removed by the local police.

Individuals engaging in suspected illegal activities or considered to be a threat to any library patron or staff member will not be given the courtesy of a warning but will be handled directly by the local police.

## Appeals

Patrons have the right to appeal to the Library Director for reinstatement of library privileges.