

Library Behavior Policy

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The Library is committed to providing a safe and respectful environment for its users. Behavior that disturbs others' use of the library, creates an unsafe environment, impedes the work of library staff, or creates a risk of damage to library property is not allowed. Library users are expected to comply with staff requests to address unacceptable behavior. Behavior that violates local, state, and/or federal laws is prohibited.

Unacceptable behavior in the Library includes, but is not limited to:

1. Being under the influence of or in possession of alcohol or illegal drugs
2. Smoking in the Library or within 25 feet of the Library entrances (includes the use of any tobacco products, e-cigarettes, and electronic smoking devices)
3. Using threatening, harassing or abusive language or gestures
4. Fighting, physical assault, or threat of violence
5. Carrying a weapon into the Library unless authorized by law; unconcealed firearms are prohibited in the Library
6. Bringing an animal into the Library with the exception of a service animal or one that is part of a Library-approved program; a service animal is a dog (or qualifying miniature horse) that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability
7. Tethering an animal on Library grounds
8. Using electronic devices without earphones or at a volume that disturbs others
9. Prolonged or chronic sleeping or lying on the floor or furniture
10. Skateboarding, rollerblading and bicycling in the Library or on the Library grounds
11. Soliciting, panhandling, or canvassing in the Library (except as expressly approved by the Library)
12. Not wearing shirt and/or shoes
13. Causing odor that constitutes a nuisance to others
14. Failure to follow rules regarding food and drink in the Library:

Drinks in covered containers and snacks are allowed in most areas of the Library. The following are not allowed in the Library except as part of a meeting or Library program:

- Smelly or messy food
- Hot food items, such as pizza, fried chicken, French fries, and other fast food

No food or snacks are allowed in the Computer Lab or at public computers; Local History Room; or SOUND+VISION Studio.

Those who violate this policy may simply be asked to correct the behavior, but may also be asked to leave the Library for the day, have Library privileges and/or access suspended, or be subject to legal action depending on the severity of the behavior. Appeals may be made to the Executive Director or designee.