

USER BEHAVIOR POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all library users have a fair and equitable opportunity to enjoy and safely use the library's services, materials and facilities. Users will not be subjected to unreasonable interference or disturbance by others, and staff will have a safe and secure workplace.

The general behavior requirements are as follows:

- A. All conduct that may result in reasonably disturbing other library users or staff members is prohibited. Examples of prohibited behaviors are loud/boisterous conversations, obscene/offensive language, running, fighting, threatening or harassing behavior, and use of video equipment including cell phone cameras.
- B. All conduct that may endanger the health and safety of library users or staff or cause damage to library materials or facilities is prohibited. The library reserves the right to limit the number of persons who may sit together at a single table or computer.
- C. Shirts and shoes must be worn. Users may not wear wet bathing suits in the library.
- D. Animals are prohibited in the library with the exception of properly tethered and controlled assistance and service dogs, and animals featured in library sponsored or approved programs.
- E. Personal distribution of leaflets, survey taking, collecting signatures on petitions, solicitations and similar activities on library property are prohibited.
- F. Library users may not leave personal belongings unattended in the library. The library is not responsible for any loss of personal belongings, through theft or otherwise. Bulky items that take up excessive space are not permitted in the library.
- G. Bicycles and skateboards are not permitted in the library.
- H. Library users must use care and maintain a neat area when enjoying food or beverages. Beverages must have a lid.
- I. Prohibited are openly carrying a knife, blade, firearm or other object that could be used as a weapon; carrying a concealed knife, blade or other object that could be used as a weapon; or, carrying a concealed firearm without a concealed firearm permit issued by the State of Colorado (inapplicable to law enforcement).
- J. Use of alcohol (except when served at library events) and use of tobacco products are prohibited.

- K. Sleeping is not permitted in the library.
- L. The library reserves the right to inspect the contents of all bags, purses, briefcases, backpacks, etc. for library materials.
- M. Staff may ask users not cooperating with these rules of behavior to leave the library. All staff members have the authority to enforce this policy. Should a user refuse to cooperate with a request to stop a behavior or to leave the building, the staff member may choose to call the police. If the police are called, the staff member who placed the call must fill out an Incident Report.
- N. Users who disregard these rules of behavior may be barred, either temporarily or permanently, from the library.
- O. The library may bring criminal charges against any persons suspected of theft or vandalism of library property or materials, or of any violations on library property of federal, state or local laws and ordinances.

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