

Louisville Free Public Library Rules of Behavior

All library users are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that shows respect for others visiting or working at the library. Behavior which prevents others from using the library or which endangers people or property is strictly prohibited.

The library is supported by the taxes of the people of Louisville Metro who expect each of our facilities to be clean, comfortable, and safe places for selecting materials, reading, researching, studying, writing, and attending programs and meetings. To this end, the library is responsible for establishing rules of conduct to protect the rights and safety of library patrons, volunteers and staff, and for preserving and protecting the library's materials, equipment, facilities, and grounds. In addition, the library has a strong commitment to intellectual freedom and to freedom of access to information.

Enforcement of all rules will be conducted in a fair and reasonable manner. Library staff or library security will intervene to stop prohibited activities and behaviors. Failure to comply with the library's established rules, regulations, and policies could result in removal from the premises and exclusion from the library for a period of one day to one year, or in arrest or prosecution. Violations could also result in the restriction or termination of library privileges, including the use of library computers and other equipment.

Individual patrons have the right to request an administrative review of an exclusion order or the denial of any library privileges.

For the comfort and safety of patrons, volunteers and staff, and the protection of library property, the following actions are examples of conduct not allowed on library property:

- Engaging in any activity in violation of federal, state, local or other applicable law, or library policy;
- Failing to comply with a reasonable request from library staff or security personnel;
- Carrying concealed firearms or dangerous weapons of any kind (except otherwise indicated by state law);
- Selling, using, possessing, or being under the influence of illegal drugs;
- Being impaired due to alcohol consumption;
- Consuming or possessing alcohol in public areas of the library except as authorized by the library director;
- Verbally or physically harassing or threatening another person, including making suggestive comments or yelling; or threatening violence against another person, including stalking, staring, lurking, gesturing, offensive touching or any sexual harassment; or obscene acts such as sex acts or indecent exposure;
- Violating the library's rules for acceptable use of the Internet and public computers which are posted on the sign-in screen of every public computer;
- Soliciting or conducting surveys not authorized by the library;

- Stealing, damaging, altering, or inappropriate use of library property in library facilities or on library grounds, including computer hardware and software;
- Occupying study spaces for non-library purposes to the exclusion of other library users; conducting business in library facilities or on library grounds in such a way as to imply Library endorsement;
- Trespassing in nonpublic areas, being in the library without permission of an authorized library employee before or after library operating hours, or camping on library grounds;
- Fighting or challenging to fight, running, pushing, shoving, or throwing anything;
- Creating disruptive noises such as loud talking, screaming, yelling, or banging on computer keyboards;
- Gambling or other group activities which are disruptive to the library environment;
- Using any personal audible devices without headphones or with headphones set at a volume that disturbs others, including any use of cell phones, pagers, and other communication and musical devices in a manner that disturbs others. Audible cell phone and pager ringers must be turned off;
- Using library facilities for personal grooming, bathing, shaving or shampooing, doing laundry, or changing clothes;
- Littering;
- Smoking, chewing, rolling cigarettes, and other tobacco use, or the use of electronic cigarettes on library property except in designated areas;
- Entering or being in the library barefoot, without a shirt, with offensive body odor or personal hygiene, or being otherwise attired so as to be disruptive to the library environment;
- Bringing in articles that measure more than 14" W x 17"H x 20"D;
- Consuming food or beverages in public areas of the library except as authorized by the library director;
- Leaving packages, backpacks, luggage, or any other personal items unattended. These unattended items are subject to immediate confiscation;
- Using wheeled devices in library property or on library grounds, except in designated areas, including use of skateboards, roller-skates, bicycles, motorized or non-motorized scooters, and shopping carts (except for motorized ADA assistive devices, wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers);
- Lying down or sleeping in the restrooms, or on any floor, or couch, table or seat in the library or on library grounds; or loitering or blocking aisles, exits or entrances;
- Neglecting to provide proper supervision of children or any adult requiring supervision;
- Bringing pets or animals, other than service animals necessary for disabilities, into the library, except as authorized by the library director;
- Or any other behavior which prevents others from using the library or which endangers people or property.