



Code of Conduct

The following actions and forms of conduct are not permitted in the library or on library property:

1. Any behavior that is disruptive, disturbing, or potentially harmful or violent to others.
2. Engaging in loud conversation or other disruptive activity.
3. Misuse of library building or property, including equipment, materials, and furniture.
4. Unsafe behavior or unauthorized or improper use of any library parking area or any library property.
5. Animals in library buildings, except identified service animals or animals used in library programming.
6. Loitering or sleeping, or refusal to leave library at closing.
7. Interfering with the free movement and safety of individuals or library operations. Possession of bulky, cumbersome, or large items that impede the safe movement of others. Any conduct which interferes with the ability of others to use the library or conduct library operations.
8. Using tobacco/vaping in library buildings. Consuming food or drink that disturbs others or could potentially damage materials or equipment.
9. Use of a library facility without appropriate apparel, which includes but is not limited to, a shirt and footwear. Having offensive odor or scent.
10. Improper use of restrooms (including, but not limited to, bathing, loitering, or meetings).
11. Soliciting, selling or surveying of any kind or posting of unauthorized materials.
12. Unauthorized or unscheduled use of meeting rooms
13. Any act that violates the Lexington County Public Library Public Wireless Internet Access Policy (Policy A 20) or Internet Access Policy (Policy A 30) including any displaying of obscenity as defined by SC Code §16-15-305.
14. Unaccompanied children under age 11. For safety and comfort, a child under age 11 must have an actively engaged caregiver of at least 16 years of age in the immediate vicinity of and in visual contact with the child. An exception would be a child attending a library program without a caregiver in the room. The caregiver must remain in the library building and immediately join the child at the end of the program.
15. Use of children's areas by adults who are not providing care for a child or actively accessing the children's collection.
16. Intentionally damaging, destroying, or stealing any library property or person's property.
17. Sexual activity of any kind, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, exhibitionism or indecent exposure.
18. Refusal to leave library property after being asked to leave.
19. Any disorderly conduct, including fighting, challenging to fight, communicating threats, or provoking violence.
20. Any harassment, hostile behavior, or use of abusive language towards library staff or patrons.
21. Carrying weapons of any type.
22. Possession or consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs on library property.
23. Any illegal acts or conduct in violation of Federal, State, or local law, ordinance, or regulation.

A person conducting any of the above actions may be asked to leave the library property subject to the terms of the Progressive Disciplinary Policy (Policy I 10), and may be subject to being reported to local law enforcement.

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