

Code of Conduct and Rules for Library Use

Please observe the following while on library property:

Appropriate Behavior

- Reading
- Researching
- Studying
- Writing
- Participating in library programs
- Using library materials and services
- Adults may read aloud to children in the children's room
- Young children are encouraged to come to the library as long as they are under the direct supervision of a parent or other adult

Inappropriate Behavior

Any violation of city code or ordinance including but not limited to the following:

- Engaging in loud, boisterous, or unsafe behavior
- Using profanity or obscene language
- Running, rollerblading, skateboarding
- Fighting, pushing, shoving
- Engaging in inappropriate displays of affection or sexual conduct
- Loitering
- Possessing weapons of any type unless properly licensed
- Neglecting to provide proper supervision of children
- Verbally or physically threatening or harassing others
- Climbing on tables, benches, shelves, and other furniture
- Operating any electronic device, such as a cell phone, MP3 player, headphones, etc, so that it disturbs others
- Defacing library property

A violation of a city code or ordinance could result in prosecution.

Any patrons who violate the library's rules and policies may be required to leave the library premises and may forfeit their library privileges for 30 days or more.

Patrons who lose their library privileges must schedule a meeting with the library director before returning to the library. Minors must bring their parents or guardians to the meeting.

Patrons may appeal to the Belleville Area District Library Board with respect to any action taken under this Conduct Policy.

Actions that violate local, state, or federal law will be prosecuted.