

# Rules of Conduct

## PALISADES FREE LIBRARY

These rules are designed for the comfort and safety of all library patrons, staff and persons using and having a legitimate purpose for being present on the library premises. Failure to comply with the rules may lead to expulsion from the library.

Shirts, shoes and clothing appropriate for public spaces must be worn in the library. Wet bathing suits are not permitted.

Food: The staff reserves the right to bar any food that is brought into the library.

Alcohol is not permitted except at programs sponsored by the Library.

Drugs: The use of illegal drugs on library premises is prohibited. The use of marijuana on library premises is prohibited.

Animals and pets are not permitted in the building. Service animals are permitted and staff may ask (1) is the dog a service animal required because of a disability, and (2) what work or task has the dog been trained to perform.

Please do not:

- Place your feet on tables or chairs
- Run, jump or play with sports equipment
- Interfere with other patron's legitimate use of the library
- Interfere with staff performing library operations, including but not limited to, the opening and closing of the building
- Loiter, sleep, solicit, smoke or use e-cigarettes or an electronic nicotine delivery system in or around the library
- Harass patrons or staff<sup>1</sup>
- Engage in sexual activity, exhibitionism or indecent exposure in or around the library
- Display potentially offensive graphics on personal or public computers
- Leave children age 7 and under unsupervised<sup>2</sup>
- Deface property
- Rearrange any library furniture without permission
- Speak in a loud voice or engage in conversations that disturb others or use profanity
- Bring bicycles into the building or leave strollers unattended in the building

1) Harass is defined as any repeated verbal or nonverbal conduct which is specifically intended or reasonably expected to intimidate, frighten, embarrass, seriously annoy, or anger the person or persons who are the object of such conduct or which the person accused has reason to know is likely to produce such reactions, or as any repeated verbal communication which, by its very utterance, inflicts injury, fear or other emotional trauma or upset, or tends to incite and immediate breach of the peace, and which conduct serves no legitimate purpose.

2) It is the policy of the library that the parent is responsible for a child's behavior in the library and we take no responsibility for the safety of an unattended child

**The librarian in charge may expel an offender without a warning in situations of serious, threatening, or willfully malicious behavior. If a patron is involved in criminal behavior, the police will be called and the offense may result in prosecution.**