

Code of Conduct

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The Powers Library is committed to providing a safe, secure, and appealing environment for patrons and staff. Behaviors that disrupt library use, programs or operations are not permitted in the library and on library grounds.

General Guidelines

The following behaviors are not permitted:

- Using obscene or abusive language or gestures.
- Damaging, destroying, defacing, or misusing any library materials or property.
- Possessing any weapon (except by law enforcement officers)
- Harassing or threatening library users or staff.
- Making unreasonable noise. This includes loud talking and using devices such as cell phones (with or without headphones) at a volume that disturbs others. Please silence all cell phones. NOTE: Individuals needing to use a cell phone for an extended conversation should go to the area outside the restrooms or outside the library.
- Displaying or printing images of child pornography or those which are sexually explicit, obscene, or harmful to minors.
- Smoking, chewing tobacco or cannabis products, including vaping and electronic cigarettes.
- Carrying uncovered drinks and/or consuming food unless approved as a special event. Drinks in closed containers **are** allowed unless noted.

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- Using rollerblades, roller skates, skateboards, and scooters (except when carried). Bicycles must be stored outside the library. Other items with wheels such as strollers, wheelchairs and walker devices **are** allowed when used for their intended purpose.
- Entering “staff only” areas or workspaces.
- Pets are not allowed in the library other than as part of scheduled library programming. NOTE: Service animals **are** allowed.
- Petitioning, selling, canvassing and/or soliciting for services, money, items, or endorsements.
- Exhibiting personal grooming that disturbs other patrons. Visitors must wear clothing and shoes.
- Engaging in any activity that violates federal, state, local, or other applicable laws or library policies.

Enforcement

Those failing to follow the Code of Conduct will be given a copy of the document and asked to comply immediately. Those failing to comply will be asked to leave. If violators do not leave the police will be called and the library will file trespassing charges. A patron may be banned from the Powers Library for failure to follow the Code of Conduct.

Appeals Process

Persons banned from the library and/or the Internet may appeal against their ban by sending a written request to the library director explaining the circumstances and requesting a review of the banned designation. The library director shall respond within two weeks following receipt of the written request with a decision.