



# Policy on Appropriate Library Behavior

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## General Guidelines

The Board of Trustees is committed to providing an atmosphere where people of all ages may enjoy the library. Prohibited behaviors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Entering with concealed or openly visible firearms or other dangerous weapons, with the exception of those carried by authorized law enforcement agents
- Any action that disturbs others, interferes with library operations, or may cause damage to library property
- Smoking or vaping
- Having poor personal hygiene that offends others
- Speaking to other patrons or employees in an abusive manner
- Sleeping
- Bathing
- Not wearing a shirt and/or shoes
- Substance intoxication
- Profanity
- Depriving other patrons of the use of furniture or clear walking paths by leaving personal items unattended
- Panhandling
- Roughhousing

## Permitted only as part of library operations

- Remaining in the building after the library's closure
- Bringing animals into the building (service animals permitted)
- Eating in open areas (permitted in meeting rooms as appropriate)
- Soliciting, canvassing, or conducting surveys

Library employees ensure that these guidelines are upheld. Individuals refusing to comply will be asked to leave the premises.