

Library Code of Conduct

*The McKinney Public Library System Code of Conduct
is for the comfort and safety of those using and working in the Library*

1. All library guests must act in a manner that does not interfere with the rights of others in their use and enjoyment of library services, or the library staff's ability to provide services. Prohibited behaviors include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Using obscene or threatening language or words otherwise likely to provoke an immediate violent reaction;
 - b. Causing unwanted verbal communication or non-verbal attention that is willful, malicious, or repeated harassment;
 - c. Exhibiting signs of being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs; and/or
 - d. Engaging in acts of sexual misconduct, including harassment, indecent exposure, and/or sexual contact.
2. Children under the age of 12 must have responsible adult supervision at all times.
3. Any food or drink should be carefully consumed as to be mindful of litter and potential damage to library property.
4. Personal items are not to be stored on library property and must be kept with the library guest at all times. The City of McKinney is not responsible for any lost or stolen personal items. Large objects such as carts, bicycles, and large luggage are prohibited inside library facilities unless they are being used in relation to a library program or service and approved by library staff.
5. Emitting strong, pervasive odors, including odors caused by perfume or cologne that unreasonably interfere with library guest or staff comfort, safety, use, or peaceful enjoyment of the library is prohibited.
6. Using the library facility for reasons other than its intended purpose is prohibited. Prohibited behaviors include loitering, bathing (except washing hands), shampooing, shaving, personal grooming, changing clothes, washing clothes or utensils.
7. Sleeping or lying on the floor or furniture within the library facility or on the library property is prohibited.
8. Any use of a cellphone or other communication device should be respectful of other library guests so as to limit the volume and duration of any such use.
9. Animals and pets that are not service animals, or part of a library sponsored program or event, are prohibited from entering the library or library courtyard.

10. When listening to music or other electronic devices, be respectful of other library guests and keep the volume at a level not audible to others.
11. Bicycles, scooters, and similar items should be parked at the designated location outside. Skateboards are not to be ridden inside the library facility and the wheels of any skate shoes shall be retracted.
12. Library guests are to keep walkways clear and leave furniture in its original location.
13. Monopolizing library space, furniture, electrical outlets, or equipment to the exclusion of other guests or staff is prohibited. Obstructing aisles, doorways, or stairs is also prohibited.
14. Library materials, equipment and facilities are to be treated gently and appropriately.
15. Solicitations, petitions, flyers, and marketing surveys are not permitted.
16. Library guests must wear clothing that appropriately covers the upper and lower body in addition to shoes or other appropriate footwear.
17. Consumption of alcohol and use of tobacco products (including vaping) are prohibited inside the building, courtyard, and within 25 feet of all entrances.

This Code of Conduct is to be interpreted and enforced by the Director of the McKinney Public Library System, or his/her designee, in their sole discretion. Those guests who are found to be violating any rule contained herein will be asked to stop such actions, or if the behavior continues or rises to a level in which the guest is a threat to themselves or others as determined solely by the Director, said guest will be directed to leave the library. Subsequent offenses may result in the guest being barred indefinitely from entering the Library. Library Staff reserves the right to inspect the contents of bags if the security alarm sounds when a patron is exiting the building or if they believe said bag contains any Library materials.

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