

McKinney Public Library Code of Conduct

The McKinney Public Library Code of Conduct helps ensure a safe and welcoming space for all visitors and staff. It is enforced fairly and thoughtfully at staff discretion to create a respectful environment where everyone can enjoy the library. The library requests that all visitors:

Be safe and courteous

Engage in activities that are safe, appropriate, and considerate of others' use and enjoyment of the library

- 1) Keep noise at a considerate level, including phone usage
- 2) Refrain from emitting strong odors, including bodily smells and those caused by perfume or cologne
- 3) Wear clothing suitable to a public setting, including a shirt and shoes
- 4) Use designated outside areas for bicycles and other wheeled devices, except those used as assistive devices or in the transport of children or library materials
- 5) Do not bring in animals, except service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act
- 6) Do not monopolize library spaces, furniture, and equipment. For example, you cannot leave your belongings at a table and leave the building in order to maintain your seat at that table
- 7) Use library space, furniture, and equipment as intended, not moving them without express staff permission, and activities like bathing, grooming, are prohibited on library property
- 8) Treat library property and facilities with care to prevent damage
- 9) Stay with personal items at all times
- 10) Bring no more than two personal items, each no larger than 30 x 18 x 14
- 11) Remain awake and upright
- 12) Use respectful language, avoiding explicit or crude remarks
- 13) Allow others to move freely and keep pathways, doorways, and stairs unobstructed

Respect laws and regulations

Engage in activities and behaviors that follow local ordinances and state or federal laws

- 14) Maintain responsible adult (ages 18 and up) supervision for all children under the age of 12
- 15) Refrain from soliciting, including petitioning, surveying or handing out flyers
- 16) Refrain from using tobacco products (including vaping) in the library or within 25 feet of any entrance
- 17) Refrain from consuming, or exhibiting signs of being under the influence of, alcohol and/or illegal substances
- 18) Refrain from displaying or distributing obscene material, including pornography
- 19) Refrain from verbally or physically intimidating, threatening, or assaulting others
- 20) Refrain from engaging in sexual misconduct, including harassment, indecent exposure, and/or sexual contact

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.