

RULES OF CONDUCT

The Portland Public Library is committed to being a safe and welcoming place for reading, learning, exploring ideas, creating, and engaging in library activities. In order to ensure safety, we ask that visitors follow these rules of conduct while sharing the public space. Failure to follow these rules or reasonable requests from library workers may result in restriction from the space.

1. BE SAFE

Library users are **NOT** permitted to:

- Engage in illegal activity
- Carry knives or other weapons (including toy weapons) on library property
- Use, handle, and/or sell substances such as alcohol, tobacco, marijuana
- Be noticeably under the influence of substances
- Run, jump, throw items, etc.
- Use bikes, scooters, skateboards, roller skates, etc.
- Block entrances, exits, aisles, or access to library materials
- Be in the library without shoes or shirt or pants
- Sleep or exhibit the appearance of sleep

2. RESPECT OTHERS

Library users are **NOT** permitted to:

- Assault, fight, or challenge to fight
- Harass, intimidate, or threaten others, verbally or physically
- Use speech intended to vilify, humiliate, or incite hatred against a group or a class of persons
- Use obscene and/or abusive language and gestures
- Engage in public nudity
- Engage in sexual behavior
- Solicit staff or other patrons in any way
- Impede staff from performing their duties
- Inquire into the personal lives of staff
- Manage their body in a way which may put other people at risk of infectious disease or other harm
- Use audible devices (please use headphones or mute the device)
- Intentionally make loud noises or scream/yell

- Smoke or solicit within 25 ft of the entrance
- Photograph or record video of anyone not in your party (for more information, see our policy on photography, videography, and recording in the library)

3. RESPECT THE SPACE

Library users are **NOT** permitted to:

- Move library furniture.
- Bring non-service animals into the building (service animals must always be under control)
- Use bathrooms for unintended purposes such as bathing, shaving, and laundering
- Spend more than 15-20 minutes in the bathroom
- Litter trash outside of receptacles
- Have uncovered drinks
- Put feet up on tables and chairs
- Monopolize library equipment (e.g., computers, chairs, tables, etc.)
- Expose others, intentionally or unintentionally and regardless of age, to images or video of sexual acts on a computer or handheld device

4. MANAGE YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY

Library users are **NOT** permitted to:

- Bring large carts inside
- Bring bedding inside (e.g., sleeping bags, sheets, tarps, etc.)
- Leave personal property unattended
- Bring in more than 3 bags
- Bring bags that exceed 12in by 18in by 20in
- Place personal property where it will block entrances, aisles, or access to the library and its materials

5. SUPERVISE CHILDREN

Library staff cannot be responsible for the care and supervision of children. Children who are in the library must follow the code of conduct. If they are unable to do that without guidance, they must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or other responsible party.

IMPROPER OR ILLEGAL BEHAVIOR IN THE LIBRARY AND ON LIBRARY GROUNDS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. IF YOU NOTICE ANY PROBLEMS, PLEASE GO TO STAFF FOR ASSISTANCE. IF YOU ENGAGE IN PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE. THE POLICE MAY BE CALLED. YOU MAY BE PROSECUTED.