

# RULES OF CONDUCT

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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.

## BE SAFE

Library users are **NOT** permitted to:

- Engage in illegal activity
- Carry knives or other 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

## RESPECT OTHERS

Library users are **NOT** permitted to:

- Use hate speech in any form
- Assault, fight, or challenge to fight
- Harass, intimidate, or threaten others, verbally or physically
- Use obscene and/or abusive language and gestures
- Engage in public nudity
- Engage in sexual acts
- 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
- Sleep or exhibit the appearance of sleep

## 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.)
- Eat food outside of designated areas
- Use bathrooms for unintended purposes such as bathing and laundering
- 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. This is a public place.

## MANAGE YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY

Library users are **NOT** permitted to:

- Bring bicycles inside
- 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 LxWxH 12in by 18in by 20in
- Place personal property where it will block entrances, aisles, or access to the library and its materials

## 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 another responsible party. (Please see Unattended Children Policy)

IMPROPER OR ILLEGAL BEHAVIOR IN THE LIBRARY AND ON THE 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.