

Section 3.4

User Behavior

Welcome to the Greenville Area Public Library, we hope your experience with the Library is a positive one! Please respect the rights of other Library patrons by:

- Observing Library policies and these Rules of Conduct
- Avoiding behavior that disrupts the work of staff and patrons
- Cooperating with library staff who interpret and apply the rules
- Providing proper supervision of children in your care
- Respecting the use of designated service areas
- Observing all federal, state, and local laws

For the comfort and safety of patrons, volunteers and staff, and the protection of Library property, we have outlined examples of conduct that are not allowed on Library property. Any customer who engages in the following actions will be required to leave the Library and have Library privileges suspended:

- Making disruptive noises such as loud talking, screaming, or banging on computer keyboards
- Using electronic devices, with or without headphones, set at a volume that disturbs others, or talking loudly on a cell phone so that it disturbs other patrons
- Loitering on Library premises, i.e. sitting or standing about, or lingering aimlessly
- Unattended bags or belongings; the library is not responsible for lost or stolen property
- Being barefoot, shirtless, or otherwise attired so as to be disruptive to the Library environment
- Using Library restrooms for bathing, shaving, doing laundry, or bringing Library materials into restrooms
- Having body hygiene that is so offensive as to constitute a significant nuisance to other persons
- Sleeping, lying down, or giving the appearance of sleeping, in or on Library premises
- Gambling, or playing cards or table games (unless part of a Library program)
- Using Library computers in violation of Internet Use Policy, to include viewing pornographic websites
- Tampering with Library equipment and/or moving Library furniture from where it is placed by staff
- Patrons are responsible for messes incurred from food or drink brought into the library
- Smoking, chewing tobacco, electronic cigarettes, or any other tobacco product in the Library or within 10 feet of doorways
- Being under the influence of alcohol and/or illegal drugs
- Bringing pets or animals, other than service animals, into the Library (unless part of a program)
- Soliciting Library patrons or staff for money, non-Library fundraising or donations, petition signatures, votes, or political support
- Sexually threatening or harassing other patrons, volunteers, or staff, including stalking, staring, lurking, offensive touching, and obscene acts such as sex acts or indecent exposure
- Physically or verbally threatening or harassing other patrons, volunteers, or staff, including fighting or throwing things
- Stealing, damaging, altering or attempting to alter books or property belonging to the library or patrons
- Carrying firearms, ammunition, or dangerous weapons of any type
- Selling, distributing, using, or possessing alcohol and/or illegal drugs

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For the safety of all, Library staff reserve the right to inspect patrons' briefcases, oversized handbags, backpacks, luggage, packages and shopping bags. The Library reserves the right to designate areas for certain services and/or functions, such as the Children's Department or meeting rooms .

Enforcement of these rules will be conducted in a fair and reasonable manner. Library staff, security officers or local police will intervene to stop prohibited activities and behaviors. Failure to comply with the Library's established rules, regulations and policies could result in removal from the premises for a period of one day to one year. Violations could also result in the restriction and/or termination of Library privileges, including the use of computers and other equipment.

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Greenville Area Public Library Board of Directors