

## **Patron Code of Conduct**

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This Code of Conduct is intended to encourage behavior that supports the Library's mission to provide the best possible resources in a warm, welcoming environment. Behavior becomes unacceptable when it interferes with this mission, impinges on the rights of others, causes damage to buildings or equipment, or is hazardous in any way.

Those willing to modify unacceptable behavior are always welcome to stay in the Library.

## All CCPL Patrons must follow the Library Code of Conduct.

- Patrons must always show respect for other library users and staff.
- Loud, unreasonable, and/or disturbing noises created by persons, electronic devices, or cell phones are prohibited. Cell phones may be used outside the library facility.
- Sleeping or putting one's head, feet, or legs on the furniture is prohibited.
- Moving furniture without library approval is prohibited.
- Consumption of food and/or beverages are permitted in designated areas only. (see food and drink policy)
- Smoking or other uses of any type of tobacco is prohibited.
- Possessing or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs or being under the influence of alcohol
  or illegal drugs at any time is prohibited.
- Shoes and shirts are required at all times while using the library.
- No animals are permitted, except those assisting patrons with disabilities.
- Selling and/or soliciting for services, money, or items is not permitted.
- No weapons of any type are permitted in the library.
- Any behavior that is disruptive to other library patrons is prohibited, including vulgar gestures.
- No one shall engage in disorderly conduct, fighting or challenging another to fight or use obscene/offensive words that might provoke violence from another patron.
- No one shall intentionally damage, destroy, or remove any library property, or another patron's property from the premises.
- No one shall congregate around entrances and/or exits to the library.
- The children's area of the library is for the exclusive use of parents/guardians and their children or adults.
- All children under 12 years of age shall be in the care of and attended by a responsible person over 18 years of age at all times.
- No one shall leave a child or young adult (up to 18) at the library after closing hours.



Individuals who fail to adhere to the library's guidelines will be asked to leave the library. The library will take appropriate legal measures to enforce appropriate behavior to prevent access to individuals who refuse to comply.