



South River Public Library

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THE LIBRARY CODE OF CONDUCT

Welcome to the South River Public Library. We value our patrons and want your visit to be an enjoyable one. The Library strives to do that by creating a welcoming and safe environment and enlisting your help in achieving this by developing this Code of Conduct.

THE FOLLOWING BEHAVIORS ARE ENCOURAGED:

1. Visit the Library both physically and virtually.
2. Approach the Library staff for help if you need it.
3. Expect the staff to provide service in a prompt, courteous and efficient manner.
4. Check out circulating materials.
5. Attend Library programs.
6. Utilize our remote access services for our catalog, and our on-line databases by visiting our Library homepage.
7. Avail yourself of ILL service for materials the Library does not own and can borrow from other Library systems.
8. Provide suggestions for library materials and services and programming.

THE FOLLOWING BEHAVIORS ARE PROHIBITED:

1. Engaging in illegal or unsafe activities or behaviors.
2. Leaving a child under the age of 8 unattended in the Library
3. Vandalism to the Library building, equipment or materials, including attempts to alter the Library's computers or any part thereof.
4. Harassment of Library staff or other Library patrons, including but not limited to, the use of abusive or threatening language or gestures, conduct that creates unreasonable noise, or that consists of loud or boisterous physical behavior or talking.
5. Removing library equipment or materials w/o checking them out first.
6. Eating or drinking, with the exception of water in closed plastic containers.
7. Smoking in the Library.
8. Entering the Library under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
9. Solicitation.

10. Loitering.
11. Distribution of materials or posting of notices not approved by the Library staff
12. Animals in the Library with the exception of Guide dogs, or those included in an approved Library program.
13. Bringing a weapon into or possessing a weapon in the Library. This prohibition does not apply to police officers carrying service weapons in accordance with their department's policies.
14. Use of the Meeting Room for activities other than scheduled programs, meetings, proctoring sessions, or by special arrangement with the Library staff.
15. The taking of still or video photography without the prior written approval of the Board of Trustees or Library Director.

Library personnel may ask persons who are exhibiting inappropriate behavior to modify their behavior. Noncompliance may result in the individual being banned from the library premises or in arrest and prosecution.

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