

RULES OF CONDUCT POLICY

Roseburg Public Library is used by many people every day, and it is important to have a clear, common understanding of appropriate behavior at the library. The essential behavior while using the library is to be considerate of others. The following rules of conduct have been established for the comfort and protection of all who work in and use the library.

MAINTAINING A SAFE LIBRARY ENVIRONMENT

Patrons are expected to be engaged in typical library activities associated with the use of a public library while in the building, and they are expected to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Respect staff and other library patrons.
2. Respect library property and safeguard personal belongings.
3. Monitor children in your charge. Parents or caregivers, not library staff, are responsible for the behavior and safety of their children using the library.

Behaviors prohibited on Library property include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Eating food or having uncovered drink containers, except in designated areas.
2. Using skateboards, rollerblades, skate shoes, or scooters in the building, the parking lot or on sidewalks adjacent to the parking lot.
3. Leaving young children without adequate supervision.
4. Wearing inappropriate clothing or not wearing a shirt or shoes.
5. Customers may not block aisles, exits, pathways, or entrances.
6. Bringing shopping carts, bicycles, skateboards, scooters, or similar bulky articles into the building. Baby strollers and those articles necessary to assist individuals who have disabilities are permitted.
7. Abusing library furniture, equipment, or materials.
8. Conducting activities that pose a safety hazard to the individual or others.
9. Behaving in a disruptive manner, including disorderly conduct, noise or activity that interferes with the rights of others to enjoy use of or perform work duties in the library.
10. Carrying weapons of any kind, except as permitted by ORS 166.370.
11. Using tobacco in any form while inside the library building or on library property.

MAINTAINING AN ENVIRONMENT CONDUCIVE TO LIBRARY USE

1. Any behavior that interferes with another person's ability to use the library is prohibited. This may include, but is not limited to, talking loudly, using abusive language, using personal listening devices that disturb others, running, soliciting, emitting overpowering body odors, and game playing that disturbs others.
2. Harassment, verbal abuse, threats, and fighting are prohibited.
3. Conducting any type of for-profit business without authorization is prohibited.

4. The solicitation of signatures or contributions for noncommercial or nonprofit purposes is not permitted except when authorized by the Library Director or designated staff.
5. Although cell phone use is permitted in the Library, it may be prohibited when it interferes with another person's ability to use the library.
6. Theft of or defacing library materials or other library property is against the law.
7. Bringing animals into the library, other than service animals, is prohibited. A service animal is defined as a dog or miniature horse that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability. The tasks performed by the service animal must be directly related to the person's disability.
8. Animals may not be left unattended on library property.
9. Use of public restrooms for bathing and/or laundry and use of other public areas for personal grooming is prohibited.

ENFORCEMENT OF POLICIES

The Library Director and his/her designated staff are authorized to interpret and enforce these policies in accordance with applicable law and to ensure appropriate behavior of all persons in the library facilities. The degree of the violation will determine the response. Staff is instructed to call 911 immediately in response to any behavior that is deemed dangerous. Staff will call police for any behavior that is in violation of federal, state, or local ordinances. Staff will call the police if a person or group of people is asked to leave the library and they refuse to leave and/or become uncooperative with the staff member.

For most other violations of this policy, one warning will be given. Continued violations will result in the patron(s) being asked to leave the library for the day. A serious violation or repeated violations, or a violation where the police are called, may result in longer exclusions from the library.

An individual who is banned from the library may be criminally charged with trespassing if they return to library property during the term of the ban. Any individual who is banned and whose library privileges have been revoked may request to have the decision reviewed.