

Guidelines Governing Use of Library

Behavior that interferes with the use of the library by other patrons or staff, causes damage to buildings or equipment, or is inconsistent with the Library's mission is prohibited.

The following behavior, as well as any other behavior that disrupts public use of the library, is prohibited:

- Creating any disturbance that interferes with the normal operations of the library, including refusal to leave when library is closing.
- Verbally, physically, or sexually harassing any person or staff member.
- Nonverbal intimidation or harassment of any person or staff member, including but not limited to such activities as stalking.
- Abusive or loud language/behavior.
- Pushing or shoving.
- Bodily hygiene that is so offensive as to constitute a nuisance to other persons.
- Leaving young children or adults needing assistance unattended.
- Leaving any bags or personal items unattended.
- Blocking or impeding progress of patrons into or through the library.
- Using audio or other personal equipment that disturbs others or interferes with library service.
- Abuse or vandalism of library materials, equipment, or property.
- Wearing cleats, skates, rollerblades, or other items that could damage the facility or parking/using bicycles inside the library.
- Inappropriate use of library computers, including but not limited to: damaging, altering, or tampering with equipment or software; manipulating or interfering with the computer sign-up and printing software; displaying, sending, or printing obscene materials.
- Eating food in non-designated areas; drinks in covered containers are allowed.
- Selling or soliciting except with County permit.
- Smoking in library facilities or in non-designated outside areas.
- Bringing animals, except service animals, into the library.
- Not wearing shirts or shoes.
- Loitering or bathing on library property.
- Entering non-public areas such as staff workrooms or any areas marked "staff only" without permission.
- Removing library materials without checking them out.
- No weapons allowed except as permitted by Florida Statute Chapter 790. All persons entering this building consent to search to ensure compliance.

Violators will receive a warning and an opportunity to cease. Repeat or serious violations may result in suspension of Library privileges. Appeal requests may be made in writing to the Library Director.

Established through the authority of the Palm Beach County Library Policies and Procedures, #CL0-101.