

Code of Conduct

Scenic Regional Library is committed to maintaining a safe, respectful, and welcoming environment for all patrons and staff. All individuals using library facilities or grounds are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects mutual courtesy and respect. Patrons must also comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws while on library premises.

To uphold these standards, certain behaviors and activities are not allowed in library buildings and on library property. The following list is not intended to be inclusive of every prohibited activity or behavior, but is intended to serve as a guide:

- Carrying a weapon, unless authorized by law.
- Consuming alcohol, marijuana, or illegal drugs or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs on library property. Alcohol and drugs shall not be permitted on library property. Alcohol may be consumed at designated library programs and events.
- Consuming food in library facilities, except during library programs or authorized meetings in the library's public meeting rooms. Beverages in covered containers are allowed in the library. See [Meeting Rooms Policy](#).
- Using tobacco or smoking cigarettes or e-cigarettes in the library's facilities or within thirty feet of the main entrances. Smoking includes electronic cigarettes. See [Smoke-Free Environment Policy](#).
- Not being fully clothed, including shirts and shoes.
- Emitting strong odors that interfere with or disrupt others using library spaces.
- Bringing any animal into the library except a service animal as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or an animal that is used as part of a library program.
- Sleeping in library facilities or on library property.
- Obstructing aisles, doorways, or stairs.
- Monopolizing library space, furniture, electrical outlets, or equipment to the exclusion of other library users.
- Using library restrooms, water fountains, and exterior water spigots for bathing, shaving, or washing clothing.
- Loitering in the restrooms.

- Speaking loudly, including on cell phones, or listening to music or videos without headphones. Cell phones should be set to silent. Sound from headphones must not disturb others.
- Bringing containers, packages, briefcases, parcels, or bundles into the library that singly or collectively exceed 24" x 14" x 12" or appear to be infested or have a foul odor that disturbs other persons.
- Using a wheelchair, wagon, or stroller that is not being used for the transport of an adult or child.
- Skates, skateboards, collapsible scooters, hover boards, and other similar devices must be carried while on library property. Bicycles must be stored in designated bicycle racks.
- Abusive, threatening, profane, or harassing behavior toward other library users or staff.
- Making threatening gestures, prolonged staring at an individual, stalking behavior, unwanted touching, or exhibiting any behavior that could constitute inciting a fight.
- Creating a disturbance that interferes with another person's ability to use the library or library personnel's ability to do their job.
- Theft, vandalism, and destruction of library property, including library materials and furniture. The library will pursue criminal prosecution for destruction of property.
- Using obscene or vulgar language that is offensive to other library users or library personnel.
- Displaying print or non-print materials, including on clothing, that are offensive to other library users.
- Using the library's WiFi network or public computers inappropriately, such as viewing or disseminating sexually explicit material. See [Computer & Internet Access Policy](#).
- Video recording or filming other library users without their permission. See [Filming and Photography Policy](#).
- Leaving a child under the age of eleven unattended. See [Unattended Children Policy](#).
- Petitioning outside library facilities in a manner that interferes with patrons' ability to enter or leave the library or library parking lots. Harassing or bothering patrons while attempting to collect signatures for a petition. See [Petitioning Policy](#).
- Soliciting, campaigning, distributing, or selling materials, or panhandling.

- Running, pushing, shoving, or throwing things.

Anyone who engages in prohibited behavior will be asked to stop or leave the library. If the person refuses, staff will contact law enforcement to have them removed for trespassing. Ongoing or serious violations may lead to being banned from all Scenic Regional Library branches for a set period, usually between one day and one year, and losing library privileges during that time.

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