

James L. Hamner Public Library Code of Conduct

The Board of Trustees believes that library patrons have the right to use library materials and services without being disturbed or impeded by other library users, that library patrons and employees have the right to a secure and comfortable environment, and that library patrons and employees have a right to materials and facilities that are in good condition. Any behavior that disturbs library users or staff, that hinders others from using the library or library materials, or that damages library property is prohibited.

1. The following forms of conduct shall be considered improper when in the library or on library grounds:
 - a. Disorderly conduct
 - b. Obscene, abusive, or sexual language or acts
 - c. Presence in the library or on library grounds while under the influence of any intoxicant, narcotic, or similar substance
 - d. Possession of alcohol or illegal drugs
 - e. Child abuse
 - f. Use of tobacco products
 - g. Use of electronic smoking devices, also known as e-cigarettes and personal vaporizers
 - h. Soliciting patrons or staff in library facilities
 - i. Use of restrooms for bathing or laundry
 - j. Theft or vandalism of any library property
 - k. Riding on roller skates, rollerblades, skateboards, and similar devices on library premises
 - l. Possession of weapons, except as permitted by law
 - m. Violation of other library policies
 - n. Refusal to follow library employee instructions
2. Children under 10 years of age may not be left unattended in the library. They must be under the direct supervision of a person aged 16 or older when in the library. Caregivers should be aware that the sheriff's department may be called if children are left at the library after closing.
3. Unattended minors who have been verbally informed that their behavior does not comply with the library's code of conduct will, on the third notification, be asked to leave the library. Minors who have been asked to leave the library may return only under the supervision of a parent or legal guardian.

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4. Cellular phones and other audio devices must be used with consideration for others. Ringers must be turned off. If a person needs to make a call, they must not use speaker phone and must conduct the call in a manner that is not disturbing to patrons or employees.
5. The library reserves the right to limit the number of people who may sit together at a table or computer station.
6. Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times in the library.
7. All bags are subject to inspection by library staff.
 - a. The library is not responsible for unattended items.
 - b. Unattended possessions are subject to search and disposal at the discretion of library staff.
 - c. Personal possessions must be contained in an area that does not impede others.
 - d. Lost items will be held for one month.
8. The violation of federal, state, or local ordinances on library property will be prosecuted.
9. All library users are expected to maintain a reasonable level of volume control.

Failure to comply with any of the above rules and regulations or the intention of the above regulations may result in suspension of library privileges and/or removal from the library. Any disruptive behavior is prohibited.