



CODE OF CONDUCT

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The Charles County Public Library appreciates your cooperation in following this Code of Conduct to ensure all members of our community are able to enjoy a safe and engaging shared community space by showing respect for other customers and staff and their personal space while in the library. By entering the library, you are agreeing to follow the Code of Conduct.

- A1 - Customers must follow library policies, including computer, equipment, and meeting room use policies
- A2 - Customers are responsible for their own belongings
- A3 - Customers may enjoy beverages with secure lids to prevent spilling
- A4 - Customers are welcome to use shower facilities (where available) during designated hours*
- A5 - Customers are welcome to listen to computer audio or electronic devices with headphones
- A6 - Customers are welcome to relax in the library but may not bring bedding of any kind. Customers who appear to be sleeping will be woken to confirm their safety.
- A7 - Service Animals, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, are welcome in the library. All other pets must remain outside and be attended.
- A8 - Smoking (including electronic cigarettes) and the use of other tobacco products can be used outside, at least 50 feet away from the library and its entrances

Please respect other library users and staff by refraining from:

- B1 - Entering with bare chests/bare feet/swimsuits
- B2 - Leaving bicycles outside of bike racks
- B3 - Interfering with the safe use of the library (e.g. blocking aisles/exits)
- B4 - Loud voices/noises, and other disruptive behavior
- B5 - Misuse of bathrooms, including extended personal hygiene care outside of designated hours

Local, state and federal statutes prohibit the following conduct in public spaces:

- C1 - Violence or threat of violence
- C2 - Public indecency
- C3 - Soliciting
- C4 - Theft or vandalism
- C5 - Unattended children ages 7 or under
- C6 - Harassment or abusive language
- C7 - Loitering
- C8 - Intoxication
- C9 - Criminal mischief
- C10 - Disorderly conduct
- C11 - Trespassing into staff areas
- C12 - Illegal drug use or paraphernalia

Alcohol and weapons* are not permitted on library premises except when allowed by law.

Library staff have the right and responsibility to enforce the code of conduct. Those who fail to follow Library Rules may be asked to leave and have their library privileges suspended.

**See staff for further details*