

Library Code of Conduct

The Cooper-Siegel Community Library strives to provide a welcoming, safe, clean and comfortable library experience for all. The Library will not deny or abridge service on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, age or religion; on the basis of social, economic or political status; or on the basis of mental, emotional or physical condition.

These rules were adopted to ensure that the rights and privileges of all Library users are protected. Unacceptable behavior in the Library includes, but is not limited to:

- Any activity that constitutes a violation of federal, state or local criminal statutes or ordinances.
- Any behavior that is disruptive to library use by other customers or staff.
- Damage, defacement or theft of any library property or material.
- Possession, distribution or use of alcohol except at authorized library events.
- Possession, distribution or use of controlled substances.
- Use of tobacco products.
- Sexual conduct of any kind.
- Threatening others by staring, photographing, following, stalking, etc.
- Use of profanity, abusive or threatening language, threatening gestures or unwanted physical contact.
- Unreasonable noise levels including shouting, loud talking or disruptive conversation, uncontrolled or repeated ringing of cell phones and loud cell phone conversations.
- Solicitations, petitions or canvassing in the library or on library premises.
- Consumption of food and drinks in an uncovered container near library computers or other library equipment.
- Bringing animals inside the library with the exception of service animals or those allowed at a library-approved event.
- Lack of personal hygiene that interferes with the use of and enjoyment of the library by others or interferes with the work of library staff.
- Not wearing shirts and shoes (or other footwear) at all times in the library.
- Use of the library restrooms for sleeping, bathing, shaving, washing hair and changing clothes.
- Use of personal electronic equipment at a volume that disturbs others.
- Violating library computer use policies while using the library's computers and/or personal computers or devices.
- Leaving children or adults who are in need of supervision unattended.
- Carrying of weapons (concealed or not) of any kind into the library building unless acting on behalf of law enforcement.

Enforcement

Violation of these rules may be cause for a temporary or permanent prohibition from future use of library facilities.

The Board of Directors authorizes library staff to suspend the library privileges of customers whose behavior prevents or interferes with the effective use of the library by other customers.

Library customers unable or unwilling to abide by the Library Code of Conduct may be asked to leave. Any person who repeatedly violates these rules, or any person who commits a single, serious violation of the rules, in addition to being asked to leave the library, may not be allowed to return to the library until s/he agrees to abide by the Code of Conduct.

Any customer whose privileges have been denied may have the decision reviewed by the Executive Director. Further appeals may be taken, upon prior written request, to the Library Board of Directors.