

RULES OF CONDUCT

The following behaviors are **NOT** permitted in the building:

- Electronic devices, radios, televisions, etc. which produce audible sound need to be turned off or muted. The Library asks patrons to turn off or mute cell phones while in the Library. Long cell phone conversations **MAY** only be used in the lobbies or outside of the building.
- Using tobacco products (**on premises**)
- Drunk or disorderly conduct
- Drug use
- Consumption of food or beverages allowed in the designated areas during programs
- Loitering
- Soliciting
- Sleeping
- Misusing the restroom (i.e., using as a laundry or bathing facility)
- Bringing pets (except official service animals participating in library programs) into the building
- Physically or verbally harassing library staff
- Leaving a child under the age of eleven (11) unattended
- Entering with bare feet or no shirt
- Placing feet on tables or chairs
- Boisterous Behavior
- Running
- Offensive language
- Displaying excessive physical affection
- Throwing objects
- Loud, inappropriate, or disruptive behavior
- Removing library materials or equipment from the building without following proper checkout procedures
- **Carrying a weapon, unless authorized by law. Any patron authorized to carry a weapon must notify Library staff. (Per Chairman of Library Board, Library Attorney)**

Failure to abide by these rules of conduct or the Library staff's instruction may subject the individual(s) involved to exclusion from the Library premises. An offense under the Texas Penal Code Section 42.01 (items listed below) is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500:

- No profane, offensive or abusive language allowed (Texas Penal Code Section 42.01 (1))
- No offensive gesture of display (Texas Penal Code Section 42.01 (2))
- No abuse or threats (Texas Penal Code Section 42.01 (4))

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