

Richland Public Library RULES OF CONDUCT

The Richland Public Library enforces the following rules of conduct to ensure the rights and safety of its customers and staff and to protect its materials, equipment, building, and grounds.

Guidelines:

Persons in the Library or on Library property may not:

1. Engage in any behavior or activity that endangers the health or safety of others.
2. Willfully annoy, harass, or threaten another person.
3. Use belligerent, abusive or profane language.
4. Behave in a disorderly, loud or boisterous manner including running, yelling, or horseplay on library property or impeding movement in front of the library's entrances.
5. Interfere with another person's passage within the library or on library grounds.
6. Participate in illegal activities, engage in lewd or inappropriate behavior, or violate Library policies.
7. Interfere with another individual's use of the Library or with Library staff's performance of their duties.
8. Misuse, damage, or steal Library property or the property of others.
9. Possess, consume, or be under the influence of an intoxicant or illegal substance.
10. Use tobacco products or electronic cigarettes.
11. Leave individuals under 6 years of age unsupervised.
12. Bring food or beverages into the library except for specified programs or with special permission.
13. Bring animals into the building, except service animals or those involved in a Library program.
14. Conduct surveys, petition, solicit, campaign, or engage in commercial activities except for authorized Library purposes.
15. Violate any municipal, state or federal law or code.

Failure to comply may result in the suspension of Library privileges, which includes exclusion from Library property.

Enforcement

Enforcement of these guidelines may take the form of any of the following actions, depending upon the severity of the misconduct, which will be determined by the staff on duty at the time:

In most cases, persons who are behaving inappropriately in the Library will be given one warning and asked to behave in an appropriate manner. People who do not modify their behavior after one warning will be asked to leave the Library for the rest of the day.

In the event of misconduct that is considered extreme by the library staff, the offender will be ordered to leave the building immediately or the police will be called.

Persons who behave inappropriately on a regular basis or who engage in unlawful activities while on Library property may have all or part of their library privileges revoked or risk being barred from the Library for a period of time, as well as face the possibility of legal charges.

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