



Anchorage Public Library
Code of Conduct

The Anchorage Public Library strives to provide a welcoming, comfortable and respectful environment for all users. The following rules are established in support of that goal.

Library users **may not**:

- Block access to doors, services or materials
- Bring in animals other than service animals
- Distribute or post materials not approved by the Library Director
- Eat or drink in prohibited areas
- Engage in lewd or offensive behavior
- Harass other Library users or staff verbally, physically, or sexually
- Leave children under age 8 years not actively supervised at all times by a responsible person 14 years or older
- Misuse rest rooms, including laundering and bathing
- Neglect to wear clothing and footwear
- Remove Library materials without checking them out
- Sell merchandise without prior permission from the Library Director
- Skateboard, roller, in-line, wheeled shoe skate or run inside the building
- Sleep or stay overnight
- Solicit for personal, political or religious purposes
- Steal, damage, alter or misuse library property
- Use abusive or profane language
- Use cell phones in a disruptive manner

Users will be asked to refrain from any behavior if, in the judgment of Library staff/security, it disrupts the environment for other users or makes the library unsafe. This includes but is not limited to:

- Speaking loudly
- Having the volume loud enough to be heard by others through headphones or ear pods
- Gathering with more than two people around a computer
- Moving, altering or rearranging furniture and equipment
- Putting feet on furniture or walls
- Reeking of body odor, perfume, or cologne

Conduct in violation of Federal, State or local law, ordinance, regulation or policy is prohibited in library facilities and on library grounds.

Persons determined to be in violation of the Library *Code of Conduct* may be asked to leave, be barred from the Library or be prosecuted.

Patrons should keep personal belongings with them at all times; the Library is not responsible for personal belongings.

The Library Director may promulgate reasonable rules pertaining to the use of property and facilities of the Anchorage Public Library. No review by the Assembly is required. Such rules shall be set forth in writing and available for public review. (AO 83-121)

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