

RESPECT.

SDCL RULES OF CONDUCT

San Diego County Library provides a welcoming environment for the community to gather, learn and reflect. The Rules of Conduct protect the rights of our customers, staff and volunteers while also ensuring the preservation of library materials and facilities. Please help us maintain an environment that is safe and can be enjoyed by all.

The following behaviors and activities are not allowed:

Any behavior that is prohibited by law or SDCL policy, including but not limited to:

- Unlawful possession of weapons
- Smoking on library premises or within 20 feet of an entrance or exit
- Viewing or printing illegal materials (e.g. child pornography)
- Sexual misconduct or harassment (e.g. stalking, exposure, offensive touching)
- Theft of library materials or items belonging to staff and/or other library users
- Unapproved entry in non-public areas of library

Any activity that unreasonably interferes with others' use and enjoyment of the library, including but not limited to:

- Use of abusive or threatening language and/or gestures
- Loud or disruptive behavior which disturbs library activities
- Bodily hygiene or scent so offensive as to constitute a nuisance to others
- Harassing, threatening or intimidating customers or staff
- Not wearing sufficient clothing (e.g. shoes, tops, bottoms) while in the library
- Interfering with the free passage of staff or patrons in or on library premises
- Bringing uncovered food or beverages into the library
- Solicitation and other commercial activities inside the library or on library grounds
- Use of electronic devices in a manner that is disruptive to others (e.g. phone calls, loud music)
- Bringing animals other than service animals into the library
- Sleeping, camping or monopolizing library facilities and grounds. "Camping" refers to the use of library property for lying down, sleeping in a reclined position, living or accommodation purposes
- Bringing shopping carts, large bundles or wheeled conveyances into the building, with the exception of wheelchairs and baby strollers/carriages used for the actual transport of a person or child. Bundles, carts, wheeled backpacks and book carriers not exceeding 30 inches tall, 18 inches wide and 18 inches deep are permitted.

Using library materials, equipment, fixtures, furniture, buildings, or grounds in any manner that:

- Is inconsistent with normal library uses
- Can damage library property or the property of others
- Is likely to cause personal injury to one's self or others
- May cause damage or excessive or unreasonable wear, e.g. lying down, putting feet on the chairs/walls, using more than one seat per person

Disobeying the direction of a library staff member or security officer and/or remaining on library property when requested to leave for violations of law and/or SDCL policies.

Behavior that is prohibited by law or the SDCL Rules of Conduct may result in the following consequences: request to change the behavior or leave the library, suspension of library privileges or intervention by law enforcement.