

LIBRARY CONDUCT POLICY
LOUIS B. GOODALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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The Louis B. Goodall Memorial Library is open to the public to serve as a general recreational, informational, intellectual and educational resource. The Library is intended to serve the purposes of reading, study, research and respectful use of library materials, facilities and equipment. In order to assure that all library users may enjoy an atmosphere that allows for these purposes, the Library requires an appropriate level of decorum of all Library users, including reasonable quiet. Library Staff has been charged with the responsibility of maintaining this decorum by enforcing the rules of conduct established below. These rules pertain to persons in the Library building and on the Library grounds.

GENERAL

Persons in the Library or on the Library grounds may not engage in any conduct which:

- Is inconsistent with the purpose of the Library.
- Disrupts the orderly operation of the Library.
- Interferes with the use of the Library by others.
- Is illegal (violates any Federal, State or local law or ordinance.)

SPECIFIC

Persons in the Library or on the Library grounds shall abide by the following:

- Respect the peaceful and friendly library environment.
- Observe local laws of harassment (including intimidation) and personal conduct.
- Cell phones for extended periods of time may be done in the foyer. Otherwise, cell phones should be used minimally and quietly.
- Drink may be permitted in the Library and on Library grounds, as long as the area is left tidy. A small snack may be consumed discretely.
- We are a drug, alcohol, and smoke/vape free campus.
- Language must be respectful and appropriate for all audiences.
- Damage of Library and patron property must be compensated to the affected party.
- Children under the age of eight or dependent persons must be directly supervised by an accompanying adult.
- Shirt and shoes are required.
- Bicycles must be left in the bicycle rack, skateboards and skates must be carried by hand inside the library.
- Loitering, soliciting or sleeping on Library property is not permitted.
- Patron's animals required for personal assistance are welcome. The animal must be well-adapted to busy environments with people and other animals.
- Firearms and/or dangerous weapons are prohibited (except by law enforcement officers).
- Restrooms must be vacated in 15 minutes or less, or a wellness check from authorities will result. Use of illicit or illegal items is prohibited.
- Photographing library patrons requires that patron's permission.
- Personal belongings must be attended at all times.
- Bags and backpacks may be subject to search.

Library use is a privilege. Violators may be asked to leave the Library. Police may be summoned, if necessary. Challenges to this policy will be reviewed by the Executive Committee.

