



## SANTA BARBARA PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

# RULES OF CONDUCT

Welcome to the Santa Barbara Public Library System. These rules of conduct are for the comfort, safety and protection of all Library patrons and Library staff. Library staff will firmly and courteously enforce these rules.

We ask for your cooperation in maintaining an environment conducive to enjoyable use of the Library for all.

### I. DANGEROUS, DESTRUCTIVE, OR ILLEGAL CONDUCT:

- Physical abuse or assault;
- Fighting or challenging to fight;
- Making violent and threatening statements;
- Engaging in or soliciting any sexual act; and
- Damaging or destroying Library property.

#### NO ACTIVITIES THAT UNREASONABLY INTERFERE WITH OTHER PATRONS' USE OF THE LIBRARY ARE ALLOWED

These examples are provided as an illustration. This is not an exhaustive list. Any patron displaying any dangerous, destructive, or illegal behaviors will be instructed to leave the Library immediately. Police will be called and appropriate legal action will follow. **In addition to immediate removal from the Library and possible criminal prosecution, a patron exhibiting such behaviors will have their Library privileges suspended for up to one year, depending upon the severity of the situation.**

### II. OTHER PROHIBITED CONDUCT:

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1. Using harassing or insulting language.
2. Using Library facilities or grounds for other than their intended purpose, including: remaining on Library exterior premises more than 60 minutes, bathing (except washing hands), shampooing, shaving, personal grooming, changing clothes, washing clothes or utensils.
3. Leaving personal items unattended. Unattended personal items are subject to the City of Santa Barbara Policy on **Lost and Unclaimed Personal Property and Abandoned Property Found on City-Owned Property.**
4. Using more than one seat or table space per person.
5. Failing to wear shirt/top, pants/skirt, and shoes.
6. Leaving children under the age of eight (8) unattended by a parent or authorized person age 14 or older.
7. Smoking tobacco products or using e-cigarettes inside Library facilities or anywhere on Library property.
8. Entering Library with animals other than service animals authorized by law.
9. Riding skates, roller shoes, scooters, skateboards, or other similar devices anywhere on Library Property.
10. Fraudulent use of another's Library card and/or number for any purpose, including using another's Library card to reserve or use Library computers.
11. Misusing Library spaces that are designated for particular Library users. Such spaces vary and include, but are not limited to:
  - Children's Rooms: reserved for children under 18 and their caregivers, or customers using the children's collections at the discretion of Library staff.
  - Teen Rooms: reserved for patrons between the ages of 12 and 18, or patrons using teen collections at the discretion of Library staff.
12. Possessing, consuming, or exhibiting signs of being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
13. Drinking, except for nonalcoholic beverages with a secure top.
14. Eating, except in Library designated areas.
15. Disturbing or annoying anyone with loud and/or unreasonable noise, including but not limited to using electronic equipment or mobile telephones at a volume that disturbs others.
16. Petitioning, soliciting or selling merchandise or services without written permission from the Library Services Manager or designee.
17. Refusal to follow reasonable direction from Library staff.
18. Emitting strong, pervasive odors, including odors caused by perfume or poor personal hygiene that unreasonably interferes with Library user or staff comfort or peaceful enjoyment of the Library.
19. Carrying weapons of any type.
20. Bringing sleeping bags, bed-rolls, or blankets into the building (blankets for small children are acceptable).
21. People, animals or property must not block aisles, doorways, stairways, elevators or ramps. Objects larger than 27" x 21" x 14 such as carts and luggage may not be brought onto Library grounds or into the facility, with the exception of wheel chairs and baby strollers used for the actual transport of a person or child.
22. Placing furniture on Library grounds.
23. Entering Library with bicycles or locking bicycle to anything other than an official bike rack.

**If you observe anyone violating any of these rules of conduct, please inform Library staff.**

**Any patrons displaying such behaviors will be addressed in the following manner:**

- **FIRST VIOLATION:** Initial warning, given copy of Library Rules of Conduct.
- **SECOND VIOLATION:** Library privileges suspended for one day.
- **THIRD VIOLATION:** Library privileges suspended for seven days.
- **FOURTH VIOLATION:** Library privileges suspended for up to one year.

**Persons violating Library Rules of Conduct shall be subject to removal from the facility upon request of the Library Director or their designee. Such request, when made to law enforcement after refusal to comply, shall be a basis for forcible removal, citation or arrest. Santa Barbara Municipal Code § 2.28.030**

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