

Palmer Public Library

Patron Code of Conduct Policy

To better serve all public library users, the library has established standards of acceptable behavior. It is expected that members of the public will conduct themselves at all times in a manner that does not interfere with others and that is in keeping with the nature of the library's services and programs.

The library provides clean, pleasant reading areas and meeting rooms for the public to read, study, select and examine library materials, use computers, and to participate in library programs and other public meetings. Any activity not connected with these purposes is inappropriate, especially if it impinges on the rights of others, creates a disturbance, could result in injury to oneself or others, and/or result in damage to library materials, equipment, building or grounds.

Patrons that do not abide by these standards will be asked to leave, may be subject to removal from the library premises by the police, and may be subject to a restriction of library privileges.

Examples of inappropriate behavior include but are not limited to:

- Leaving young children unattended.
- Any conduct that disrupts the Library is prohibited.
- Abuse/vandalism of library premises and/or equipment.
- Disturbing or distracting others.
- Using abusive or profane language
- Displaying threatening demeanor toward patrons or staff.
- Loitering, including refusal to leave at closing.
- Use of radios, phones, mp3 players, etc., without headphones.
- Swinging on railings, jumping off walls, etc.
- Smoking (to include E-cigarettes)
- Solicit for personal, political or religious purposes
- Threatening or harassing patrons or staff members.
- Unruly or offensive behavior
- Intoxication
- Sleeping
- Eating or drinking

Unacceptable behavior will result in a warning to modify behavior or leave the building. The police will be called if necessary.