

# SARASOTA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

## LIBRARY RULES OF CONDUCT

People come to the library for a variety of reasons. Out of consideration for others, please adhere to behavior that does not interfere with their use and enjoyment of the library. Individuals unwilling to comply with acceptable behavior will be asked to leave. If necessary, the authorities will be called and trespass remedies in accordance with Florida law will be enforced.

### The following is prohibited:

1. Abandonment or leaving young children unattended.
2. Verbal or physical abuse, or sexual harassment of library patrons or staff.
3. Theft, abuse or vandalism of library materials, equipment or property.
4. Smoking, tobacco use, or related activities including vaping or use of smokeless products (i.e. electronic cigarettes) inside the library.
5. Bare feet and/or being shirtless.
6. Patron conduct, dress, or personal hygiene that does not conform to community standards for public places.
7. Bathing, shaving, washing clothes or other misuse of restrooms.
8. Sleeping.
9. Bringing animals into the library (except service animals).
10. Consuming refreshments in the library, other than beverages in lidded containers.
11. Disruptive use of telephones, radios or other electronic devices.
12. Loud talking, yelling, whistling or other disruptive noises.
13. Unruly, disruptive behavior; horseplay.
14. Bringing in items that occupy floor space in excess of 24" wide by 16" high by 10" deep. Items are measured in totality and must fit easily into a measuring box of the above dimensions, with the exception of necessary human conveyances such as wheelchairs or strollers used for human transport.
15. Inappropriate use of library computers such as:
  - o Damaging or altering computer equipment or software.
  - o Downloading or installing any programs or files onto the computer.
  - o Sending, displaying or printing obscene material.
16. Promoting or operating a commercial enterprise.
17. Petitioning in a non-designated area that impedes entrance to or egress from the library.
18. Skateboarding, inline skating, or any similar activity on library property.
19. Refusing to leave the library at closing, or similar failure to comply with policies.
20. Any conduct that interferes with the use and enjoyment of the library by others.

Please be advised that the library is not responsible for securing the personal property or valuables of library patrons. All personal items are subject to search.