

CHESAPEAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY

CODE OF CONDUCT

Citizens using the are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that does not threaten the safety nor interfere with the rights of others. The Library reserves the right to restrict patron use of the Library, if the Library's *Code of Conduct* is violated.

While on the Library premises, including the building and the area and grounds surrounding it, **no person shall:**

- bring animals into the building, except for use in Library events, assistance animals, or dogs used by law enforcement agencies; or
- solicit customers or staff for charitable, religious, or other purposes other than drives endorsed and permitted by the City or the Library or
- loiter or obstruct full passage of others, or sleep in public areas; or
- have body hygiene so offensive as to constitute a nuisance to other persons; or
- harass or disturb any person; or cause noise, including loud conversations, which disrupts others; or
- trespass on, destroy, injure or deface any Library property; or
- smoke or consume drugs or alcohol in the building; or
- use abusive, obscene, or profane language, wear clothing that displays obscene words or pictures, or exposes the body in an obscene manner; or
- engage in any sexual acts or publicly expose private parts; or
- engage in illegal, threatening, disruptive, or unruly behavior; or
- threaten any other person; or
- be under the influence of alcohol or drugs; or
- use pepper gas, mace or similar substances; or bring or carry a weapon, (or a replica/facsimile of a dangerous weapon) except as otherwise permitted by law.

Customers who violate this Library Code of Conduct will be directed to leave the Library after the first offense, and if inappropriate behavior occurs again, a formal ban for an extended time will be imposed, as determined by Library Administration.