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Joliet Public Library Rules of Conduct

The Board of Trustees believes that patrons of the Joliet Public Library have the right to use Library materials and services without being disturbed or impeded by other Library users. Patrons violating this policy risk being asked to leave or banned from the Library and its properties. The length of the ban will be based on the nature of the violation. Specific Rules of Conduct include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Any behavior which is disruptive or which hinders use of the Library is prohibited on Library property. This includes, but is not limited to, loud or boisterous behavior, threatening behavior, verbal or physical harassment, drunkenness, running, and fighting.
2. Actions of public indecency are not permitted on Library property.
3. Seating of Library tables, carrels, and chairs is limited to the numbers of persons for which the furniture was designed.
4. The Joliet Public Library is a smoke-free campus. Smoking is prohibited within the building and on the Library grounds. This policy applies to the use of tobacco products, smokeless tobacco, herbal products and e-cigarettes.
5. Eating is not permitted in the Library.
6. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on Library property. Non-alcoholic, covered drinks are allowed except in computer areas.
7. The use of electronic devices with or without headphones at a volume and/or location that is disturbing to others will not be permitted.
8. Sleeping is not permitted in the Library.
9. Patrons shall not be permitted to enter the building without a shirt or other covering of their upper bodies or without shoes or other footwear.
10. Use of public restrooms as laundry facilities, bathing facilities or gathering places is prohibited.
11. Animals, except those used to aid persons with disabilities or those used in Library programs, are not permitted in the Library. Animals may not be left unattended on Library property.
12. Selling products or services and soliciting donations are not permitted on Library property.

13. Campaigning, petitioning, proselytizing, taking surveys, distributing handouts, or soliciting for any cause are not permitted on Library property.
14. Parents are responsible for the behavior of their children while they are on Library property. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied and directly supervised by a parent or other responsible caregiver age 14 or older at all times while on Library property.
15. The Joliet Public Library follows Illinois State Law which prohibits the carrying of any weapon, concealed or partially concealed, in the library building or on library property. Any violators will be reported to law enforcement and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
16. The violation of federal or state laws or local ordinances will not be permitted on Library property. Theft, vandalism, and mutilation of Library property are criminal offenses which will be prosecuted. The Library reserves the right to inspect all bags, purses, briefcases, backpacks, and other such items when staff members have reason to believe that this rule has been violated.
17. The Library is not responsible for personal belongings which are left unattended.
18. Patrons are not permitted to enter unauthorized areas of the building, to remain in the building after closing or when requested to leave.
19. Patrons are not permitted to damage or alter any computer system hardware or software configurations or otherwise violate the Library's Computer Use policy.
20. Patrons are not permitted to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs or in possession of illegal drugs or alcohol.
21. Patrons whose bodily hygiene is offensive so as to constitute a nuisance to others shall be required to leave the building and may return when the problem has been corrected.
22. Patrons cannot engage in any other behavior which could reasonably be expected to disturb other patrons or interfere with Library employees' performance of their duties.