

RULES OF CONDUCT

San Diego County Library provides a welcoming environment for the community to gather, learn and reflect.

The Rules of Conduct protect the rights of our customers, staff and volunteers while also ensuring the preservation of library materials and facilities. Please help us maintain an environment that is safe and can be enjoyed by all.

The following behaviors and activities are not allowed:

- Illegal activity.
- Noncompliance with public health orders or measures implemented by the library to ensure compliance with public health orders.
- Harassment, threats and/or intimidation including abusive language encouraging violence, or other noise or conduct intended to and reasonably likely to disturb others.
- Unlawfully possessed weapons of any kind.
- Theft and damage to property.
- Smoking, vaping, or alcohol on library property or within 20' of an exit.
- Soliciting for commercial purposes and panhandling.
- Bathing, grooming, washing clothes, or use of restroom not for its intended purpose.
- Unattended children ages 8 and under; children must be accompanied by a responsible party age 12 or older.
- Odors or hygiene that constitute a nuisance to other persons.
- Entering the Library without appropriate clothing, including shoes and shirts.
- Sleeping or excessive use of personal space that interferes with access to those spaces by other customers.
- Bringing any containers, packages, briefcases, parcels, or bundles into the library which singly or collectively exceed 24"x 18"x 6".
- Bringing shopping carts or wheeled conveyances into the building, except for wheelchairs and baby strollers/carriages used for the actual transport of a person or child or wheeled backpacks and book carriers not exceeding 24"x15"x12" (excluding handles).
- Bringing sleeping bags, bedrolls, or blankets into the building (blankets for small children are acceptable).
- Leaving personal belongings unattended or placing them in a manner that interferes with safe access in, out, and around the library by others.
- Playing audio equipment so others can hear it unless the device is in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; talking or singing loudly inside the library unless as a participant at a library-sponsored event; or other similar noises disruptive to the use of the library by other customers.
- Animals other than service animals.
- Food or uncovered beverages, unless provided as part of a library event.
- Any disruptive behavior which Library staff reasonably determines interferes with the intended use of the library by other customers or with staff's performance of their duties.

All applicable federal, state, and local laws will be enforced.