



Public Behavior Policy

The Licking County Library Board of Trustees is responsible for establishing rules regarding customer behavior on Library property, in order to ensure customer, staff and volunteer safety. Any person on Library property is expected to abide by this policy. We ask each customer, regardless of age, to respect the rights of others by following these rules.

1. The following are **not permitted**:
 - Pets, except for service animals
 - Sleeping
 - Illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia
 - Smoking, chewing tobacco, snuff or using electronic cigarettes or similar devices
 - Improper dress including bare feet and no shirt
 - Threatening or profane language
 - Rollerblades, skates, skateboards, hover boards and bicycles
 - Begging, soliciting and selling
 - Misuse of restrooms including bathing, shaving, etc.
 - Destruction of Library materials and property
 - Loitering
 - Bags, backpacks, bedrolls, luggage or other personal items measuring more than 18"x18"x24". Note: All items total must fit within these dimensions.
2. Unless otherwise authorized by law, pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, no person shall knowingly possess, have under the person's control, convey or attempt to convey a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance on library property. *Examples include but are not limited to: guns, knives, baseball bats, nunchucks, clubs and fireworks.*
3. Persons are not permitted in the Library and will be asked to leave if they appear to be under the influence of alcohol or other substance.
4. Persons are not permitted to leave personal items unattended.
5. The Library reserves the right to expel any person whose behavior is determined to be disruptive, inappropriate to the library environment, or prevents the use of the Library by other users.
6. Children under age eight must be supervised by a person who is at least age 14.

Library staff and Security Personnel have been instructed to call the police department, if necessary, for assistance in any situation that appears to threaten the safety of a library customer or their own personal safety.

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