

CONDUCT POLICY FOR BRUNSWICK COUNTY LIBRARIES

The Brunswick County Library offers library services to all residents of, and visitors to, Brunswick County. Library staff are committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all library patrons. The user guidelines below set expectations for all library users to ensure the safety, cleanliness, comfort, and accessibility of all Brunswick County Library spaces for all community members.

Illegal Activities

Illegal activities and behaviors that are violations of state, local and federal laws are prohibited on library property and at library events. Library patrons may not engage in behaviors, actions, or activities that violate any Federal, State or Local laws, as well as community ordinances and regulations. Weapons of any kind are forbidden on library property.

Personal Behavior and Conduct

All library patrons and staff, while on library premises, have the right to enjoy a library experience that is free from threat, harassment, lewd or disruptive behavior. To ensure this, library patrons, while on library premises, must not: possess or consume alcohol; smoke, including e-cigarettes; wear attire inappropriate for public places; solicit for funds or signatures, panhandle, sell goods, or gamble; or make unreasonable and disruptive noise, including cell phone use. Bags and other personal belongings may not be left unattended and must not block access to aisles, doorways, stairways, walkways, ramps, or computers.

Service Animals

Service animals are welcome in Brunswick County libraries in compliance with ADA regulations. Other animals are prohibited.

Food/Beverages

Beverages must be in covered containers. Food can be eaten in designated areas, as well as part of a library-sponsored program or pre-approved event

Furniture

Furniture may not be moved without permission from library staff. Library users must not abuse or damage furniture.

Policy Violations

Violators of this policy may be subject to a warning, removal from library property, and/or exclusion from library buildings and grounds and violators can lose library privileges. Violations of law will be referred to local law enforcement when necessary and criminal behavior will be prosecuted under the law.

Applicability

This policy applies to all library patrons and/or persons on library property. Any disruptive behavior is determined by library staff or security personnel.

Responsibility

It is the responsibility of all public service staff and facility supervisors to understand this policy fully to ensure fair and equitable application. It is the responsibility of the Library Director, with the advice of the Brunswick County Library Board of Trustees, to interpret, monitor and recommend updates to this policy. The Library Director is the final authority regarding the enforcement of this policy.

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