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Greenville County Library System Code of Conduct

The Greenville County Library System strives to provide and maintain inviting facilities where individuals feel welcomed and valued. To promote orderly conduct and to help protect library staff and property, the Library Board of Trustees has established behavior regulations.

Behavioral regulations will be enforced in a fair and reasonable manner. Library staff and/or law enforcement officers will intervene to stop prohibited activities and behaviors. However, parents and caregivers, not library staff, are responsible for the actions and safety of children visiting the library.

Failure to comply with the Library's established regulations and policies may result in removal from the premises, exclusion from the Library for a period of one day to permanent exclusion, and arrest or prosecution. Violations may also result in the restriction and/or termination of Library privileges, including the use of Library computers.

Any individual banned more than seven days from any Library facility may appeal in writing to the Library Executive Director. Disputed decisions of the Executive Director may be appealed in writing to the Library Board.

Behaviors that are disruptive to library use and are not allowed on Library property, include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Any activity in violation of Federal, State, or local laws or in violation of Library policy, such as:**
 - Possessing or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
 - Engaging in sexual activity of any kind, sexual harassment, or indecent exposure, including the public display of material inconsistent with the Internet Use Policy standards.
 - Committing acts of physical violence.
 - Carrying unauthorized weapons of any sort.
 - Failing to identify self upon request of staff.
 - Failing to obey Library staff during an emergency.
 - Failing to return to the circulation desk upon request by staff when security gate alarm sounds.

- 2. Any neglect of minors, such as:**
 - Parents/caregivers leaving children 8 years old and under unattended.



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- Parents/caregivers leaving children and young adults under age 18 at the library after closing hours.

3. Any unruly, annoying or inappropriate behaviors, such as:

- Removing, damaging, altering, or relocating library property or using it inappropriately.
- Using obscene or abusive language or making obscene gestures.
- Creating disruptive noises such as loud talking, screaming, or banging on library furnishings.
- Interfering in any way with the free movement of others.
- Following others around the building.
- Adults unaccompanied by children lingering in the teen or children's area.
- Being in the Library before or after operating hours or entering nonpublic areas.
- Using any Library equipment or materials without the authorization of Library staff
- Failing to silence all electronic devices. All sound produced by electronic devices must be silenced or audible only to the user.
- Talking on cell phones.
- Consuming food or beverages outside an approved or designated area.
- Sleeping.
- Bringing into the building any large or cumbersome items, such as bicycles, bedrolls, luggage, etc.
- Smoking or using tobacco products anywhere in a library or under library entryways.
- Using skateboards or skates in libraries or on library grounds.
- Selling and/or soliciting for services, money or items.
- Distributing or posting printed material/literature that has not been approved by Library staff.
- Bringing animals, other than licensed service animals, onto the premises without staff approval.
- Using photographic, video or other recording devices without staff approval.
- Not wearing shoes and a shirt.
- Parking vehicles on Library premises for purposes other than library use. Vehicles parked in violation of the rule may be towed at the owner's expense.
- Misusing public restrooms. No bathing or lingering is allowed.
- Allowing children under 4 years old to use a library computer without the direct supervision of an adult caregiver.