

BEHAVIOR

To show respect for others and to keep the building and property safe, the following activities are not allowed:

- Unruly, or offensive behavior, and excessive noise including loud cellphone conversations, ringtones, or any personal listening device
- Disrupting or interfering with library users or staff
- Use of tobacco in any form, Electronic Vapor, and/or e-cigarettes
- Intoxicated behavior, possession of alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs
- Using or being under the influence of marijuana or other products containing THC, even in conjunction with the possession of a medical marijuana license
- Possession of marijuana or other products containing THC without possession of a medical marijuana license or in excess of the legal limit for possession thereof
- Running, jumping, skating, or improper use of stairs
- Sleeping, lying down, or loitering unless under 5 years' old
- Soliciting or panhandling
- Abusive, obscene, or threatening language to staff or library users
- Inappropriate display of affection
- Failure to wear shoes, shirt, or attire that provides appropriate covering.
- Failure to maintain personal hygiene to the point that is intolerable to others
- Use of restrooms for purposes other than normal toilet or lavatory needs
- Animals, with the exception of service animals
- Having or consuming food or drink, except in designated areas
- Carrying a handgun or any other weapon, whether openly or concealed, except when carried by designated law enforcement
- Causing actual or imminent damage and/or theft of library materials, equipment, or property
- Any behavior violating the law
- Leaving children unattended (note the following guidelines)
- Any other behavior that disrupts normal library use for either staff or customers

Violators may be asked to leave the library. If a person told to leave by a staff member refuses, or in the event of behavior violating the law, staff **is** expected to promptly request assistance from local law enforcement. Failure to comply with the request to leave the premises will result in the filing of trespassing charges against the offender. Repeated or exceptionally serious violations may cause the offender to be barred from future library access.

If a staff member bars a repeat violator or person whose violation was of an exceptionally serious nature from future library use, the action is subject to investigation and ratification at the earliest convenient time by the head librarian and the Executive Director, who will see that the action is presented to the SEPLSO Board, which has the final authority to act in the matter.

SEPLSO Operating Policy

Unattended Children

To ensure a safe and positive environment, children under the age of 10 must have a parent or responsible caregiver within the immediate vicinity. If children are involved in library programs, the parent/caregiver must remain in the building if not attending the same program. A responsible caregiver must be of at least 17 years of age with valid identification. Parents and caregivers are responsible for the actions and behavior of the child. Should the child become disruptive to others or library operations, we ask that they be taken quietly away until the child can compose themselves.

This policy shall be clearly posted in each library.

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