

IX. Code of Conduct

RFPL endeavors to provide patrons with a safe, secure, and comfortable environment in which to use materials and services. All patrons are expected to abide by RFPL policies and to respect the rights of others in order to create an environment conducive to equitable and enjoyable use of RFPL and its grounds. This includes, but is not limited to, adherence to the following rules of conduct:

1. Conversations and behaviors must not disturb, obstruct, threaten, harass, or solicit fellow patrons or staff.
2. Furnishings, materials, and equipment should be used for their intended function and in a manner that does not damage them or interfere with patron or staff usage of RFPL. Theft or vandalism of RFPL property or the property of others is prohibited.
3. The consumption or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs on RFPL property is prohibited. People exhibiting signs of intoxication or substance abuse will be asked to leave. Alcohol may be served at RFPL at a pre-approved special event only.
4. Prolonged or habitual sleeping is not allowed on RFPL property.
5. Bathing, grooming, laundering, loitering, and other improper uses of the restrooms are not allowed.
6. Photographing or recording on RFPL property is not allowed in staff-only areas nor in areas where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy, such as a restroom. Anyone photographing or recording on RFPL property shall do so in a manner that does not interfere with the operations of the Library and that is in compliance with the patron Code of Conduct. Any request to use specialized equipment, such as tripods or lights, must be approved at least one business day in advance, and any such approval is at the discretion of the Library Director.
7. Drinks with lids are allowed at RFPL. Eating food is not allowed unless it is served at designated programs. Light snacks may be allowed in designated areas at the discretion of the Director.
8. Personal belongings must be attended to at all times. Responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged items rests with the owner.
9. Patrons are required to dress appropriately, and shoes must be worn at all times.

10. Only authorized service animals and animals used for programs are allowed in the building. Animals may not be left unattended on RFPL property.
11. Weapons or any other object that may be used to harm persons or property are prohibited on RFPL property unless they are in the possession of a sworn law enforcement officer.
12. Children age 7 and younger must be accompanied by a caregiver age 12 or older. (See Child Safety Policy)
13. Hazardous substances and materials are prohibited on RFPL property.
14. An activity or behavior may not impede the ingress or egress of patrons or staff to or from RFPL property unless the activity has been approved by the Library.
15. Patrons must follow any reasonable directive from RFPL staff.

Anyone who violates the Code of Conduct will be subject to the consequences contained in the Suspension of Library Privileges and Patron Ban policy.

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