

RULES OF BEHAVIOR POLICY
ULYSSES PHILOMATHIC LIBRARY

The Ulysses Philomathic Library is to be used for approved library purposes only. Any behavior that interferes with or is not consistent with such use is prohibited.

PERMITTED BEHAVIOR:

1. Behavior that does not disturb or infringe on the rights of other library patrons or staff is permitted and is not prohibited by law or these regulations.
2. People who must speak and/or be spoken to in a loud voice because of a disability shall be allowed to do so.
3. Sleeping is allowed, providing other patrons and staff are not disturbed.
4. Drinking of non-alcoholic beverages is allowed provided the drinks are in covered containers but is not allowed near computers. Food consumption is permitted only in the lobby or on the back patio. Food at programs must be approved by the library director.

PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR:

1. All behavior displaying prejudice or intolerance that interferes with patron and staff ability to use the library is contradictory to our mission and code of conduct (see Equity/Anti-Racism Statement).
2. Excessive noise, including disruptive cell phone usage.
3. Smoking/vaping of any kind in the library and on library grounds.
4. Using rollerblades, skateboards or other sports equipment on library grounds in a manner that would potentially cause harm to patrons, staff or users; or without adult supervision for minors.
5. No vending or sales (see Meeting Room Public Use Policy). Community fundraising events may be permitted with the approval of the library director.
6. Entering unauthorized work spaces without staff permission.
7. Misuse of the internet (see Computer and Internet Use Policy).
8. Any other activity which interferes with the use of the library by others, is a health and safety hazard, or is not consistent with the mission of the library.

UNATTENDED CHILDREN IN THE LIBRARY

Children are welcome to use the library at all times. The library is a public space and library personnel do not provide supervision or assume responsibility for children.

A parent or guardian may not leave a child unattended who is incapable of caring for themselves. Nor may a parent or guardian leave an unattended child in the care of another person who is unable or unwilling to provide adequate supervision.

Children should be picked up promptly by closing time. Children who need to contact their caregivers are encouraged to ask for assistance at the front desk.

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