

RULES OF BEHAVIOR POLICY

ULYSSES PHILOMATHIC LIBRARY

The Ulysses Philomathic Library is to be used for approved library purposes only. All behavior that is not prohibited by law or these regulations is permitted.

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 our Antiracism & Equity Statement).

PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR

1. Excessive noise, as determined by staff members.
2. Smoking or vaping of any kind in the library and on library grounds.
3. Consumption of alcoholic beverages in the library and on library grounds.
4. Using rollerblades, skateboards or other sports equipment on library grounds in an unsafe manner.
5. Vending or sales (see Meeting Room Public Use Policy). Community fundraising events may be permitted with the approval of the library director.
6. Entering work spaces without staff permission.
7. Misuse of the internet (see Computer and Internet Use Policy).
8. Bringing pets into the library, with the exception of service animals (see below).
9. Recording (photographing, recording, broadcasting, or streaming images) of other patrons' computer use is never allowed. Recording of minors, by library patrons 18+ years of age, is not allowed without written or verbal consent from their legal guardian.
10. Any other activity, as determined by staff members, that 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.

SERVICE ANIMALS

UPL allows service animals to accompany people with disabilities in all areas of the library where the public is allowed to go.

- Service animals are not required to wear special vests or have documentation
- Service animals must be under their person's control at all times
- If the animal is out of the person's control and/or is barking, growling, jumping, urinating, or defecating in the library, UPL staff will ask that the animal be removed from the library

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) defines a service animal as: Any dog or miniature horse that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. A service animal is a working animal, not a pet. Other species of animal are not service animals under the ADA. To determine if an animal is a service animal, two questions may be asked: 1. Is this animal required because of a disability? 2. What work or task has this animal been trained to perform?

Other animals may visit the library for special programs, with approval from the library director.

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 welcome to use the library phone.

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