

Folsom Public Library Rules of Conduct

The Folsom Public Library is committed to provide a safe, clean, and pleasant place for reading, learning, and other library activities. By entering into the Folsom Public Library and/or using the library's facilities and services, you are acknowledging and agreeing to comply with the following Rules of Conduct. Nothing herein is intended to interfere with the lawful exercise of rights protected by the California Constitution or the United States Constitution, or to supersede the application of any law.

Library Safety and Respect

The following conducts or activities are prohibited:

1. Engaging in disruptive or unsafe behavior, including but not limited to interfering with library employees in the performance of their duties, or obstructing, harassing, threatening, or intimidating others, or damaging public or private properties.
2. Entering non-public areas without authorization.
3. Damaging library property, including but not limited to vandalizing walls, structures, fixtures, restrooms, equipment or damaging or making any attempts to damage computer equipment or alter library computer software configurations.
4. Engaging in sexual misconduct such as, for example, sexual assault, sexual battery, indecent exposure, unwelcomed touching, annoying, harassing, or offending another person with sexual remarks or graphic display, or photographing or videotaping another person without consent for sexual gratification, and viewing or printing pornographic materials.
5. Bringing weapons of any kind onto library property.
6. Possessing and/or using illegal drugs and/or alcohol. Law enforcement will be summoned to escort library visitors exhibiting signs of being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs out of the library.
7. Smoking of any substance or using tobacco products, vapor or e-cigarette products in the library. Charging of battery-powered portable electronic smoking devices in the library is prohibited.
8. Creating excessive noise that may disturb or tend to disturb the peace or good order of other library visitors or staff, including but not limited to the use of loud, unnecessary and unusual voice, cell phones, pagers, headphones, and other communication, audio and electronic devices unless such use is part of the official library program or otherwise authorized by library staff.
9. Entering the library with strong-scented perfume or personal hygiene conditions, including, but not limited to, clothing odor, body odor, insects or pests, or bringing unsanitary belongings that interfere with the use and enjoyment of the library by other visitors or with the functioning of library staff.
10. Entering the library without wearing shoes and garments that cover the upper and lower torso of a person's body. Removal of shoes or garments covering a person's upper and lower torsos while in the library is prohibited.

11. Recording, photographing, or filming persons in the library without prior consent from the Library Director (and/or City of Folsom film permit as required) and from the person(s) being recorded, photographed or filmed.
12. Refusing to leave library premises at closing time or trespassing at any time.
13. Engaging in any activity prohibited by law.
14. Failing to comply with instruction or direction of library staff performing their duties in the library.

Library Spaces and Resources

The following conducts or activities are prohibited:

15. Lying down, sleeping or appearing to be sleeping in the library.
16. Using library restrooms or drinking fountains for bathing, shaving, or washing clothes.
17. Using library restrooms for purposes other than going to the restroom.
18. Obstructing library space, aisles, doorways, stairs, furniture, electrical outlets, or equipment to the exclusion of other library visitors or staff.
19. Panhandling, soliciting, distributing, or selling merchandise, or conducting personal business transactions inside the library.
20. Petitioning and signature-gathering outside the library but on library premises must be conducted in compliance with law, without interference with pedestrian movement or free flow of traffic, and in areas designated by the Library Director.
21. Bringing bicycles, shopping carts, or other large wheeled conveyances inside the library. Wheelchairs, strollers, and mobility devices are permitted inside the library if used as transportation for, or as a mobility device by, a disabled individual or a parent visiting the library with a minor child. Skates, skateboards, collapsible scooters, hover boards, and other similar devices must be carried (not used) while on library property. Bicycles should be parked in designated bicycle racks.
22. Bringing any animal into the library, except for service animals that are trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability in compliance with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) regulations. Animals that are part of official library program may be allowed in library facilities with permission of the Library Director. Service-animals-in-training, emotional support, therapy, comfort or companion animals are not considered service animals under the ADA and are not permitted inside the library. The handler of the service animal is responsible for the care and supervision of the service animal in the library and on library premises. The library is not responsible for supervising or providing care to service animals.
23. Adults using areas designated for children or teens, attending programs for children or teens, or using computers designated for children or teens without being accompanied by a child or teen in those areas. Adults unaccompanied by a child or teen may use materials or attend programs in areas designated for children or teens for scholarly, literary, journalistic and other lawful purposes with prior permission and authorization of library staff.

Unattended Children

The Folsom Public Library provides a welcoming environment that encourages children to visit the library, use library collections and services, and attend library programs. Library staff are available to assist and support children with their use of library resources. However, the library is not responsible for children who are left unattended on library premises. Unattended children are children of any age who are apparently unaccompanied by a parent, guardian, and/or responsible caregiver in the library.

Parents, guardians and/or caregivers are solely responsible for the safety and behavior of their children. They are advised that children, like all library users, are expected to comply with the library's "Rules of Conduct" and a child who violates those rules may be asked to leave library premises. Parents, guardians and/or caregivers must inform themselves as to scheduled library closing times and be aware that a library facility sometimes may have to close unexpectedly due to emergencies or safety issues and operational needs. It is the responsibility of parents, guardians and/or caregivers to let their children know what they should do if they must leave the library.

Library staff may call the police or other appropriate agency if a child is left unattended when a library facility closes or if a child otherwise appears to be at risk.