

Slinger Community Library

Library Code of Conduct

The Slinger Community Library has an obligation to its patrons to maintain an atmosphere conducive to reading, study, research, and pursuit of life-long learning opportunities. Library patrons are expected to use the library, including its facilities, grounds, resources and materials, in a responsible and appropriate manner.

These rules are posted for the comfort and protection of all and will be courteously and firmly enforced by library staff. If necessary, the police may be called for assistance. Persons who fail to follow the library's rules may be excluded from the library and/or face legal action.

Repetitive violations may mean permanent exclusion from the library.

There may be instances where library programming or space availability may cause disruption to a quiet environment. Staff will address concerns as needed and try to mitigate these issues in a timely manner. The library is a gathering space, and silence should not be an expectation.

General Rules

1. Any behavior that endangers the safety or health of patrons and staff and disrupts or hinders public use of the library is prohibited on library property. This includes, but is not limited to, loud or boisterous behavior, verbal or physical harassment or any other unruly behavior, being under the influence of drugs or alcohol, damaging, defacing, destroying or stealing library property, violating the **Technology Policy**, verbally harassing or threatening another person.
2. Use of personal listening devices is permitted if personal headphones are properly in place, and others cannot hear the sound in the library.
3. Use of musical instruments is at the discretion of library staff.
4. Entering or being in the library without being fully clothed is prohibited. Shoes, tops, and bottoms are always required.
5. Smoking, electronic cigarettes, or chewing tobacco is not permitted in the library.
6. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted on library property, except as part of a special event authorized by the Library Board of Trustees.
7. Bicycles are not permitted in any public area or entryway. Bicycles must be kept in the rack outside of the library. Roller-skating and skateboarding are not permitted in the library. Wagons and strollers may not be left obstructing a corridor, hallway, aisle, entry or exit.
8. Selling products or services, or soliciting donations, is not permitted in the library except as part of a library-sponsored program or approval from the director.
9. Animals, except those used to aid persons with disabilities, are not permitted in the library except as part of a library-sponsored program. Animals may not be left unattended on library property.
10. Taking surveys, circulating petitions, distributing leaflets, and other similar activities are not permitted in the library unless approved by the director.

11. Parents and other legal guardians are responsible for the behavior of their minor children while in the library. Children will not be allowed to run freely through the library or play with computers and other equipment. See the **Safe Child Policy** for further rules on children in the library.
12. The violation of federal or state laws or local ordinances will not be permitted on library property. Theft, vandalism, and mutilation of library property are criminal offenses and may be prosecuted. The library is not responsible for personal belongings left unattended.
13. Offensive personal hygiene will not be allowed to inhibit the use of the library by others. Persons with offensive personal hygiene may be asked to leave the library.
14. Food and drink may be consumed in the library. Food must not have an odor that is disruptive to other patrons. Beverages should be in a container that has a lid, cap or cover, especially near any electronic equipment or library materials. Patrons must clean up after themselves. Failure to do so could result in future food/beverage privileges revoked or removal from the library.

Failure to comply with these rules may result in the library staff advising the patron that their behavior is unacceptable and request that the person comply with library policy. Library staff will warn the person that if their behavior does not comply with library policy, they will be directed to leave the library. If the person fails to comply with library policy, staff shall order the person to leave the library.

If the person does not obey an order to leave the library, staff shall request assistance from the Slinger Police Department to remove the person from the library.

A person who has left the library or has been removed from the library due to noncompliance with this library policy, may be re-admitted to the library if the staff is reasonably certain that the person's unacceptable conduct has ceased.

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Incorporates and Retires Food & Beverage Policy