

Library Rules 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.

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 computer use policies, verbally harassing or threatening another person.
2. Use of personal listening devices is permitted as long as 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. Cellphones must be turned off or used in silent or vibrate mode only.
5. Entering or being in the library without being fully clothed, is prohibited. Shoes, shirts and pants are always required.
6. Seating at library tables and chairs is limited to the number of persons for whom the furniture was designed.
7. Smoking, electronic cigarettes or chewing tobacco is not permitted in the library.
8. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted on library property, except as part of a special event authorized by the Library Board of Trustees.
9. Bicycles are not permitted in any library 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.
10. Selling products or services, or soliciting donations, is not permitted in the library except as part of a library-sponsored program.

11. 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.
12. Taking surveys, circulating petitions, distributing leaflets and other similar activities are not permitted in the library.
13. 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 appendix a and b.
14. 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 reserves the right to inspect all bags, briefcases, backpacks and other such items when the staff has reason to believe this rule has been violated. The library is not responsible for personal belongings left unattended.
15. Offensive personal hygiene will not be allowed to inhibit use of the library by others. Persons with offensive personal hygiene may be asked to leave the library.

Failure to comply with these rules may result in the library staff advising the patron that his/her behavior is unacceptable and request that the person comply with library policy. Library staff will warn the person that if his/her behavior does not comply with library policy, he/she 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 of 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.