

PATTERSON LIBRARY

PATRON CODE OF CONDUCT

The Patterson Library endeavors to provide an atmosphere conducive to the legitimate use of library materials and services. For this reason, any behavior that disrupts the orderly use of the library or that affects the staff's ability to provide service is prohibited. Each person is requested to abide by the following in the library:

- A responsible adult must accompany any child under 12, within eyesight, at all times and be responsible for the supervision of this child while in the building.
- The library is not responsible for children of any age who are left unattended.
- Pets assisting disabled persons are the only animals permitted in the library.
- Smoking or the use of illegal substances is not permitted.
- Loitering or sleeping is not permitted.
- Proper attire is required; no bare feet.
- Conversations should be kept in low voices as a courtesy to others. If you would like to hold a meeting or study group in the library, please make prior arrangements with the Director.
- Behavior which can be expected to disturb library patrons or staff is not tolerated. Such behavior includes, but is not limited to:
 - Disorderly conduct
 - Loud or abusive language
 - Harassing or threatening verbal or physical behavior
 - Use of radios, cell phones, or other electronic equipment which is disruptive
 - Creating a physically offensive condition, including disturbing odors, infested clothing or personal effects
 - When using the public computers, display of any text or graphics that may be offensive to others is not permitted at any time.
- Food and beverage guidelines:
 - Consuming non-alcoholic beverages from closeable, spill resistant containers is permitted.
 - Snack foods that will not disturb others and can be eaten without undue mess are permitted.
 - Food and any type of package deliveries are not accepted.
 - Users must clean up after themselves; patrons should contact the staff to report any spills.
 - In the event of damage from food or drink to library materials or equipment, costs may be assessed to the responsible person.
- Anyone who intentionally injures, defaces or destroys library property may be subject to prosecution.
- Only authorized staff is permitted to enter non-public areas of the library.
- The library reserves the right to inspect bags, purses and briefcases of patrons. If patrons refuse such inspection, they will be asked to remain until the authorities can be called to conduct such an inspection.
- Parking at the library is reserved for staff and patrons using the building. Cars parked illegally may be towed.

Violations can result in loss of library privileges, including borrowing privileges and access to the library building. Library staff is authorized to suspend some or all library privileges for any violations of these rules. Appeals may be made to the Library Director, whose decision is final.