

SEMINOLE COMMUNITY LIBRARY AT ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

CODE OF CONDUCT

To ensure that all users of the Seminole Community Library at St. Petersburg College may safely and freely use the library, patrons are expected to behave in a manner that does not interfere with the mission of the library, interfere with the rights of others, cause damage to the library building or property, or cause injury to others. Library patrons unwilling to modify unacceptable behavior (as outlined below) will be asked to leave the premises.

Any conduct which disrupts the library is prohibited. All persons visiting the library must comply with staff requests. Conduct which may lead to denial of library privileges includes, but is not limited to:

- Any illegal activity
- Threatening or harassing staff, volunteers or visitors to the premises
- Physically harming or presenting a health hazard to staff, volunteers or visitors to the premises
- Carrying weapons into the library pursuant to the provisions of Florida Statutes
- Consuming alcoholic beverages or using other intoxicants in the library building or on library property, and/or public intoxication
- Vaping, smoking or using other tobacco-type products
- Use of offensive or abusive language, or behavior
- Use of library's computers for purposes other than established by the Library's Computer Resources policy and St. Petersburg College's Information Technology Acceptable Use Policy
- Exhibitionism, sexual acts, and/or viewing pornographic material
- Abandonment or leaving children under the age of 11 unattended without a caregiver age 14 years or older
- Running or other boisterous behavior
- Disruptive or loud conversation and/or playing audio at levels others can hear
- Selling or soliciting items or services
- Bringing animals into the building (with the exception of service animals)
- Misuse of restroom facilities (i.e. laundry, bathing, shaving, vandalizing, etc.)

- Not wearing shoes and shirt
- Sleeping
- Skateboarding, roller skating, or other similar activity
- Eating or bringing food into the library
- Having bodily hygiene which is considered a nuisance or public health threat to others
- Leaving unattended personal belongings that obstruct the use of the library by other patrons (i.e. belongings left in aisles, shelving areas, seating areas, restrooms, etc.)

Any person violating these rules may be required to leave the library premises. Severe or persistent violations may result in revocation of library privileges and a permanent trespass. Persons violating any local, state, or federal law may be subject to immediate arrest and prosecution by law enforcement agencies.

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