

Lincoln Public Library Code of Conduct

The Lincoln Public Library seeks to provide a safe and welcoming environment where the diverse experiences and perspectives of all our community members are honored. In order to ensure equal access and equal enjoyment of the library by all patrons, the following standards of behavior in the library have been established.

Please do:

- Treat others with respect and avoid disturbing other users.
- Comply with staff requests and posted rules.
- Accompany children and dependent adults in the library, and be responsible for their conduct.
- Dress appropriately.
- Limit food and drink to snacks and covered beverages.
- Direct concerns about other patrons to staff members.
- Respond to emergency and security gate alarms and other situations as instructed by staff; leave buildings at closing and limit use of the library to public areas.
- Obey all local, state, and federal laws.

Please do not:

Violate the safety and security of yourself or others.

Prohibited behaviors include, but are not limited to:

- Exhibiting threatening or intimidating behaviors, e.g., abusive language, threats of violence, or harassment.
- Engaging in behavior that is potentially unsafe or harmful to self or others.
- Engaging in excessive displays of affection, sexual activities, indecent exposure, harassment, or making unwanted or inappropriate advances.
- Using alcohol, tobacco, or controlled substances.
- Leaving young children unsupervised.

Disturb or disrupt the use of the library by other library users.

Prohibited behaviors include, but are not limited to:

- Creating disturbances with disruptive noise, e.g., loud talking or audible electronic devices.
- Vending, peddling, soliciting, or petitioning in the libraries; posting or distributing materials without permission.
- Disturbing others with strong odors, e.g., perfumes, alcohol, or unsanitary personal conditions.

- Bringing in animals, other than service animals or animals for approved library programs.
- Running, cycling, skating, or using other motorized or non-motorized wheeled devices inside the libraries, except for mobility devices, medical assistive devices, or baby strollers.

Obstruct use of or misuse Libraries materials or facilities

Prohibited behaviors include, but are not limited to:

- Blocking access to library materials, tables, computers, entrances, and walkways.
- Denying access to library materials through theft or deliberate misplacement.
- Defacing or damaging library materials including, but not limited to, underlining, highlighting, writing, or removing pages or security devices.
- Misusing, damaging, or defacing library furniture, buildings, or material.
- Leaving personal belongings unattended.
- Misusing library restrooms.

Behavior that interferes with the appropriate use of the library by others, that could result in a safety hazard, injury, or damage to library property, or that is not compliant with staff instructions is unacceptable.

Library users found in violation of this code of conduct or behaving unacceptably may be asked to present identification to library staff; may be subject to a search of backpacks or bags; may be directed to leave the premises and not return to any library facilities for a period ranging from one day to one year; and may be reported to the Lincoln Police Department. Additional disciplinary or legal action may be taken in accordance with applicable laws and policies.