

Englewood Public Library - Code of Conduct for Staff and Patrons

The Library is happy to serve this community. We have many great resources, and acknowledge the necessity to maintain an environment in which patrons and staff can use those resources free from harassment, intimidation, and threats to their safety, and protects the Library from damage. For a positive library experience, please abide by these rules of conduct. Depending on the severity or the frequency of and problem behavior, the patron may be asked to vacate the premises, or the patron may be barred until restitution is made or the matter has been dealt with by law enforcement authorities.

Patron Conduct

- For distribution or posting of printed materials and literature, see the Library Director for approval.
- No solicitation of library patrons or staff for money, items or services is permissible.
- Eating and drinking are only permitted in the building during special events. No food or beverage should be brought into the library. It is never acceptable to have food or drink at the computer station.
- Pick up and dispose of all litter in appropriate receptacles.
- No smoking is permitted inside the library (this includes e-cigarettes or vapor cigarettes). Smokers outside the library may be no closer than 15 feet from any entrance and 50 feet from any location where children are present. This includes the Community Center. Please dispose of all cigarette/cigar butts in appropriate receptacles.
- Loitering is not allowed.
- Dress appropriately – shoes and shirt are required, bathing suits are not permitted
- NO skateboarding or rollerblading is allowed on library premises.
- Do not damage, deface, destroy or steal property that belongs to the library, a patron or an employee.
- Do not bring pets into the library (service dogs are permitted).
- Avoid excessive noise (loud talking, iPods, mp3 players, etc.)
- All phone conversations should take place outside the library or in the hallway. Phones should be kept on silent.
- Adult (age 18 or older) must be with children ages 6 and under, and in the building with children under 14 years of age.
- Drunk or disorderly conduct is not tolerated.

Behaviors Which May Result in Immediate and Permanent Barring from the Library

- Obscene or abusive language or actions toward patrons or staff.
- Indecent exposure or lewd sexual behavior.
- Sending, soliciting, receiving or displaying text or graphics which are sexually explicit, pornographic, obscene or offensive.
- Bringing any firearm and/or weapon onto library premises. (This prohibition does not apply to law enforcement personnel on official duty.
- Criminal acts, including illegal use of drugs.
- Consumption of alcohol while on library property.