

Rutherford Free Public Library Code of Conduct

So that the Rutherford Free Public Library may provide an atmosphere conducive to use of library services and facilities, the public is required to comply with a code of conduct. Participating in any illegal activity or in any of the following activities is not allowed on library premises, including buildings and grounds.

To assure the personal safety of our users and staff, do not:

1. Leave children who are unable to care for themselves unattended in the library without supervision of an adult.
2. Smoke, strike matches or lighters, or carry lighted smoking materials.
3. Use alcohol, narcotics, or hallucinogens on library property or come to the library intoxicated or display behavior leading to suspicion of intoxication.
4. Request staff to protect or monitor children, adults needing care, or your personal belongings.
5. Film, photograph, solicit, or interview users within the library without the permission of the Library Director.
6. Engage in sexual acts.

To maintain a pleasant environment for everyone, do not:

7. Threaten, physically harm, or verbally abuse staff or users.
8. Use obscene or abusive language or gestures.
9. Carry a weapon into the library, unless authorized by law.
10. Engage in disruptive conduct including loud talking, making noise, running, pushing, or fighting.
11. Interfere with another person's use of the library or with library personnel's performance of their duties.
12. Talk on cell phones (ringers should be turned off upon entering the library).
13. Sleep in the library.
14. Bring animals into the library, except service animals to assist users with disabilities.
15. Play audio equipment so that others can hear it.
16. Wear roller blades or cleats, or use a skateboard.
17. Fail to wear proper attire, including shoes and shirts. Users of the library are expected to maintain an acceptable standard of personal hygiene. Infected clothing or personal effects or unpleasant body odor that may disrupt other users or employees of the library is unacceptable.

To protect our facility and materials, do not:

18. Steal, damage, or mark library property or library materials. All library materials, backpacks, oversized handbags, overcoats, luggage, shopping bags and packages are subject to inspection by authorized personnel.
19. Misuse the restrooms (e.g., as laundry or washing facilities).
20. Enter non-public areas without permission.
21. Use fire exits, except in an emergency.
22. Eat in the library. Drinking beverages in lidded containers is permitted.

Library users who fail to observe the Library Code of Conduct may lose library privileges and/or be subject to police intervention, including arrest.