

South Milwaukee Library

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Code of Conduct

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The South Milwaukee Public Library has a code of conduct in order to provide a safe and pleasant environment for its patrons. This Code is applicable to all Public Library property. Each patron has a responsibility to ensure the South Milwaukee Public Library is a welcoming environment for all. Examples of disruptive or unacceptable behaviors include, but are not limited to:

- All illegal activities
- Possessing any weapons
- Damaging, misusing, or stealing Library materials, equipment, or facilities
- Possessing or being under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances, or paraphernalia
- Using tobacco or electronic smoking devices
- Harassing, threatening, or using behavior or language that is abusive, intimidating, or disrespectful, which may include unwanted attention
- Using foul language or gestures
- Behaving in a disorderly, boisterous, or loud manner
- Soliciting commercial goods or services in the Library
- Fundraising for outside organizations
- Loitering or impeding Library access for others
- Prolonged sleeping
- Eating and drinking in prohibited areas
- Personal hygiene which disrupts others from using Library facilities, collections, or services
- Failure to properly dispose of all trash or to remove all traces of food and drink
- Not wearing shirts or shoes
- Using skateboards, scooters, rollerblades, and/or similar toy/sport items in the Library or on the grounds
- Leaving personal belongings unattended on Library property
- Pets, except service animals
- Entering an unauthorized area

Code of Conduct violations may result in temporary removal or ban from the Library. Banned individuals may request a hearing before the Library Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.