
Board Policy



Library Rules of Conduct

The Pierce County Library System's mission is to bring the world of information and imagination to all people of our community.

These Rules of Conduct guide staff in creating and enforcing an environment that encourages all customers to use Pierce County Libraries in an appropriate and respectful manner. This policy supports staff members' actions when a person's behavior or activities are unreasonably interfering with others' enjoyment of the Library.

The following behaviors and activities are not allowed:

- Behavior that is prohibited by law.
- Activity that unreasonably interferes with others' use and enjoyment of the library or with the functioning of library staff.
- Behavior that is unsafe.
- Activity that can reasonably be expected to damage library property or the property of others.
- Carrying weapons in violation of state or federal law or leaving a lawfully possessed weapon unattended.
- Displaying weapons in a manner, under circumstances, and at a time and place that either manifests an intent to intimidate another or that warrants alarm for the safety of other persons.
- Sexual misconduct.
- Bodily hygiene so offensive as to unreasonably interfere with others' use and enjoyment of the Library.
- Using library facilities for purposes other than those normally associated with a library (e.g., sleeping, bathing, washing clothes).
- Soliciting (e.g., sales, canvassing).
- Animals other than service animals.
- Trespassing in non-public areas of the Library.

Each person using the Library is responsible for his/her safety, the safety of children in his or her care, and the security of personal belongings. Pierce County Library System is not responsible for the safety of the users against their own acts or the acts of other Library users.

It is the intent of Pierce County Library System that enforcement of these rules will be conducted in a fair and reasonable manner. Library staff and/or local law enforcement officers have the right to intervene to stop prohibited activities and behaviors. Failure to comply with the Library's established rules and policies could result in removal from the premises and expulsion from the Library for a period of one day to one year, or in arrest or prosecution. Violations could also result in the restriction or termination of Library privileges, including the use of Library computers and other equipment. (RCW 27.12.290)

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