

Rules of Conduct

The Galesburg Public Library is a place for learning, and recreation. Great strides are taken daily to ensure public access and availability of resources for all patrons of the library; therefore, certain rules must be applied in order to retain this accessibility for everyone. The Galesburg Public Library Board of Trustees has adopted the following rules and regulations.

The following behaviors are expected on library premises:

- Engaging in activities associated with the use of a public library.
- Respecting the rights of other patrons and staff.
- Keeping personal property with the owner at all times.
- Keeping cell phone conversations to a reasonable volume and observing designated Quiet Areas.
- Wearing shoes and other library-appropriate clothing.

The following behaviors are prohibited on library premises:

- Disrupting the library use of other patrons, including speaking in a loud voice, placing phone calls on speaker, and allowing loud noises from electronic devices.
- Skateboarding or rollerblading, or using of other mobile sports equipment inside the library.
 - Skateboards and other sporting equipment may be carried into the library if stored in an unobtrusive way.
 - Patron bicycles must be kept out of the building; bike racks are available.
- Consuming or possessing food, alcohol, marijuana, or illegal drugs.
- Being under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, or illegal drugs.
- Drinking beverages without a lid or cap while in food-restricted areas of the library.
Food and drink are allowed in the lobby, the community room, and the small meeting room.
- Engaging in any illegal activity.
- Interfering with the use of the library by other patrons.
- Interfering with library employees' performance of their duties.
- Defacing, destroying, or marring library materials or library property.
- Damaging or stealing the property of another library patron or a library employee.
- Bringing animals into the library.
Service animals are exceptions and must be under the control of the owner at all times.
- Using foul language.

- Littering.
- Soliciting/ selling, petitioning, distributing, or proselytizing.
- Allowing possessions to obstruct the mobility or field of vision of library users or library staff.
- Possessing firearms or other weapons.
- Harassing, threatening, intimidating, or abusing library staff or library patrons.
- Engaging in any behavior deemed inappropriate in a learning environment by library staff.

Any patron not abiding by these or other rules and regulations of the library may be required to leave the library premises. Library employees will contact the Galesburg Police Department or crisis intervention services when necessary.

Any patron who violates these rules and regulations may be denied the privilege of access to the library at the discretion of the library director or designee, subject to review by the Library Board of Trustees. A patron whose privileges have been denied may appeal the decision before the Board of Trustees.

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Board of Trustees
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