

Chickasha Public Library

Patron Code of Conduct

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Library staff is committed to providing:

- Courteous and knowledgeable assistance
- Access to library resources
- A reasonably quiet environment
- A clean physical environment
- A safe, non-threatening environment for all ages at all times

Library patrons have the obligation to:

- Interact courteously with other users and library staff.
- Maintain a quiet environment in the open public area and observe appropriate noise levels in programs.
- Refrain from entering the library when experiencing contagious symptoms.
- Mirror and honor physical distancing preferences of those around you.

The following behaviors and activities are examples of conduct **not allowed** on Library property:

- Carrying, consuming, and/or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Smoking, vaping, use of electronic smoking devices, rolling tobacco, chewing tobacco.
- Tobacco or vaping products should not be visible.
- Disposal of chewing tobacco or other like substances
- Harassing or threatening another person or staff
- Behaving in a disorderly, boisterous, or loud manner
- Wearing hoods, ski masks or costume masks inside the library
- Panhandling or soliciting or asking people for items or money.
- Lying down is not acceptable, other than for library sponsored activities; sleeping is discouraged, snoring is not allowed.
- Eating is only allowed in designated, non-carpeted areas since crumbs and debris attract vermin.
- Interfering with free passage (blocking walkways)
- Creating an offensive atmosphere from poor hygiene, spitting, biting, wearing perfume, etc.
- Entering without shoes or shirt and other manner of dress resulting in indecent exposure
- Using cell phones, audio, or personal equipment in a manner that disturbs others or interferes with library use and service.
- Socializing in a disruptive manner

- Carrying in excessive items – more than can be placed in one chair or seating spot; one spot for a person to sit in and another spot for items.
- **Everyone must keep all of their belongings with them at all times. Items may not be left unattended.**
- Animals except as required by persons with disabilities [Certified Service animals]
 - <https://www.ada.gov/resources/service-animals-2010-requirements/#how-service-animal-is-defined>
- Creating a disruptive atmosphere by allowing children to be unruly, loud, and/or running
- Using public restrooms to bathe, shave, change/wash clothes, or utensils.
- Bicycles must be parked in places not blocking walkways, book drops, or doors.

Anyone who disregards the above-listed prohibited behaviors or engages in any other conduct deemed inappropriate by Library staff is subject to removal from library property and/or restriction of library privileges. The police will be called when needed to assist with removal. Violations of the Chickasha Public Library Code of Conduct may also result in a formal ban from the library, six months for the first offense and one year for the second offense.

Please keep in mind that space in the library is limited and must be shared.