

# NOTICE TO PATRONS OF BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY RULES OF CONDUCT

These rules of conduct are for the comfort, safety and protection of all library patrons and library staff. Library staff and library security guards will firmly and courteously enforce these rules. We ask your cooperation in maintaining an environment conducive to enjoyable use of the library for all.

**Dangerous, destructive or criminal conduct, including but not limited to the following, will not be tolerated:**

- Physical abuse or assault;
- Fighting or challenging to fight;
- Making violent and threatening statements;
- Engaging in or soliciting any sexual act; and
- Damaging or destroying library property.

Any patron displaying any of these behaviors will be instructed to leave the library immediately. Police will be called and appropriate legal action will follow. **In addition, based on the severity of the situation, a suspension of library privileges for up to one year will be applied without advanced warning or prior suspension.**

**The following behaviors are also prohibited:**

- Using harassing or insulting language.
- Leaving children under the age of eight (8) unattended by a parent or authorized adult.
- Blocking library entrances, ramps or exits, with animals, bicycles, strollers, etc.
- Participating in any activity in the library or at public entrances/exits which interferes with any person's safety or egress.
- Entering library with animals other than service animals authorized by law.
- Entering library with bicycles, or riding skates, scooters, skateboards, etc.
- Smoking, eating, or drinking.
- Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs to the extent that one is unable to exercise care for one's own safety or the safety of others.
- Lying on the floor or sleeping.
- Unreasonable use of rest rooms, including laundering and bathing.
- Exuding offensive, pervasive odors, including pervasive fragrances caused by perfume or other scented products.
- Disturbing or annoying anyone with loud and/or unreasonable noise, including using electronic equipment at a volume that disturbs others.
- Petitioning, soliciting or selling merchandise or services without written permission from the Director of Library Services.
- Personally monopolizing Library space, seating, tables, or equipment to the exclusion of other patrons or staff.
- Fraudulent use of another's Library card and/or number for any purpose, including to reserve or use computers.
- Refusing to leave the Library and/or otherwise follow staff or law enforcement directions during emergency evacuation.
- Failing to wear shirt/top, pants/skirt, or shoes.

**Any patrons displaying these behaviors will be addressed in the following manner:**

**FIRST VIOLATION:** Initial warning, given copy of Library Rules of Conduct.

**SECOND VIOLATION:** Library privileges suspended for one day.

**THIRD VIOLATION:** Library privileges suspended for seven days.

**FOURTH VIOLATION:** Library privileges suspended for up to one year.

**If you observe anyone violating any of these rules of conduct, please inform either a security guard or a library staff member.**

See Also: *Berkeley Public Library - Patron Suspension Policy.*

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