

Berkeley Public Library Behavior Guidelines

Berkeley Public Library seeks to create a welcoming environment that enables learning, reading, and seeking Library resources. The Library Board has adopted the following behavioral guidelines for the safety and comfort of all Library patrons and staff, and for safeguarding the Library's facilities and resources.

Any behavior that interferes with the reasonable use and operations of the Library is forbidden, and may result in the suspension of Library privileges.

The following behaviors are prohibited:

- Refusal to follow reasonable direction from Library staff or security guards
- Engaging in any illegal activity
- Assault, fighting or challenging to fight
- Engaging in or soliciting any sexual act
- Theft, damage, or destruction of Library property
- Harassing or threatening language or conduct toward library patrons or staff
- Carrying weapons of any type
- Sleeping
- Lying on floors or furniture
- Blocking entrances, exits, or walkways
- Exuding offensive, pervasive odors, including pervasive fragrances caused by perfume or other scented products, which constitutes a nuisance to other patrons or staff
- Riding skates, roller shoes, scooters, skateboards, or other similar devices
- Unreasonable or excessive noise that disrupts other patrons or staff (e.g. loud talking, screaming, playing audio equipment, banging on desks or computer keyboards)
- Inappropriate use of restrooms (e.g. bathing, washing clothes)
- Smoking in the Library or within 25 feet of doors and windows
- Bringing in excessive personal materials (all personal items together must be within 16x18x24), or leaving personal items unattended
- Failing to wear shoes, shirt/top, and skirt/pants
- Failing to abide by posted notices regarding reserved seating, or other reserved spaces
- Leaving a child (7 and under) unattended by a parent or other responsible caregiver.
- Fraudulent use of another's Library card and/or number for any purpose, including using another's Library card to reserve or use Library computers
- Bringing animals into the Library, unless they are service animals authorized by law
- Petitioning or soliciting in the Library
- Possessing, consuming or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs
- Eating in the Library
- Drinking in the Library, unless bottles or cups have a secured lid
- Use of the Library computers in a way that interferes with a safe, welcoming and comfortable environment for other patrons and staff

In line with the Patron Suspension Policy, authorized Library staff may suspend persons who, advised of the behavioral guidelines above, fail to comply with them.

See the [Patron Suspension Policy](#)  for further information/See the [Unattended Children Policy](#)  for further information