

The Longview Public Library is committed to being a safe and welcoming place for reading, learning, exploring ideas, creating, and engaging in Library activities. Visitors are expected to comply with the following rules of behavior in sharing the public space. We will be vigilant to restrict any behavior that we deem to be threatening or disruptive. Library staff make every effort to apply these rules in a fair, humane and positive manner for the benefit of all.

**People whose actions violate these rules will be asked to stop such actions. The Library reserves the right to require anyone violating these rules of conduct to leave the Library. The Library may withdraw permission for a person to re-enter its facilities if the person continues violating these rules. (RCW 27.12.290.)**

### **ACT LEGALLY AND ETHICALLY**

Acting or attempting to act in violation of state, federal, or local law, ordinance, or regulation, or Library policy is prohibited. We will ask you to leave if we deem your behavior as threatening in any way.

- Do NOT threaten, disrupt, or harass other patrons or staff, or act in any disorderly manner
- Do NOT use/engage in obscene, harassing, abusive, or threatening language or misconduct
- Do NOT damage, steal or misuse Library property
- Do NOT smoke, vape, or handle tobacco on Library property or within 25' of entrance doors (per City ordinance)
- Do NOT be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or engage in any manner of substance abuse
- The Library is a weapons free zone

### **BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS AND COMMUNICATE WITH RESPECT**

Disrupting or interfering with normal operation of the Library, its staff, or other users is not tolerated. This includes unreasonable noise, loud talking, and playing audible devices.

- Do not talk, use cell phones, or play personal audio devices loud enough to disrupt the quiet use of the Library by others
- Do not scream, run, throw things, push and/or shove, which may result in disturbing other patrons or damaging Library property
- Do not interfere with other library patrons' use of the facilities through extremely poor personal hygiene or signs of contagious illness

## **USE SPACES AND RESOURCES AS THEY ARE INTENDED**

Comply with special posted rules that are specific to areas of the library (e.g., public computers)

- Sleeping is not permitted in any part of the library
- No soliciting at any time
- Covered beverages are allowed throughout the library. No food is allowed unless as part of a pre-approved library program. Clean up your work space when you leave
- Use restrooms as intended, not for bathing or washing clothes
- Keep feet off chairs or tables and please do not rearrange furniture
- Shoes and shirts are required
- Do not run, wheel, or ride inside the Library.
- Do not bring in bicycles (bicycle racks are provided outside). Skateboards, in-line skates, etc., must be carried at all times
- Only service animals that are vaccinated and trained for assistance are allowed in the library
- Service animals must be on leash at all times. No other animals are allowed unless as part of a pre-approved library program
- The Library is not responsible for personal items that are lost, stolen or damaged on the grounds of the Library
- Unattended items are subject to confiscation. You must keep your items with you at all times. Do not block aisles, entryways or exits

## **ALWAYS ACCOMPANY YOUR CHILDREN**

Young children or dependent persons must be in the company of a parent, guardian, or other caregiver 18 years or older who must be present at all times.

IMPROPER OR ILLEGAL BEHAVIOR IN THE LIBRARY AND ON THE LIBRARY GROUNDS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

IF YOU NOTICE ANY PROBLEMS, PLEASE GO TO STAFF FOR ASSISTANCE.

IF YOU ENGAGE IN PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE. THE POLICE MAY BE CALLED. YOU MAY BE PROSECUTED.