



## POLICY

Carroll County Public Library

### Behavior Policies

Please Enjoy the Library and Respect its use by Others

The Board of the Carroll County Public Library (CCPL) has established rules of behavior that customers must adhere to when in a library branch or on library property. These rules serve to: make the library a welcoming and safe place for customers, maintain a safe workplace for staff and volunteers, preserve and protect CCPL's materials, facilities, and property. Please help us by adhering to the following:

#### Rules of Conduct While Using the Carroll County Public Library

Please:

- Follow the rules for CCPL computer use as outlined in the Internet Use Agreement.
- Visit all CCPL locations fully clothed, including shoes and shirt.

Please do not:

- Behave, talk, or use electronic equipment in a manner that causes a significant disturbance to others.
- Block entrances, exits, aisles or any other space designed for customers to access CCPL's collections or services.
- Run, push, jump or climb.
- Leave children under age 8 unattended. CCPL is not responsible for unattended children. Children under age 8 must be directly supervised by a responsible caregiver aged 13 years or older as dictated by Maryland state law, at all times, in all areas of the library and on its grounds.
- Leave personal belongings unattended.
- Use bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, or other sports equipment in the building or on any CCPL property.
- Damage CCPL equipment or materials.
- Bring pets inside any CCPL location (with the exception of service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act), except as allowed by library-approved events.
- Use tobacco, e-cigarettes, vaping products, or alcohol on CCPL property.
- Act in ways that disrespect, harass, or threaten other library users or staff.
- Possess or use weapons such as knives, guns, and stun guns except as permitted by law.
- Solicit, petition, distribute material, or on any CCPL property without approval by the library.
- Sleep in any CCPL location or on any CCPL property.
- Commit or attempt to commit any action that is a violation of federal, state, or local laws.

Customers violating these rules or otherwise disturbing the well-being and safety of others will be asked to leave CCPL property, and police may be called.

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