

RULES OF CONDUCT FOR PERSONS ON LIBRARY PREMISES

In an effort to bring people and information together, the Siuslaw Public Library District welcomes everyone in the community to use and enjoy its facilities and services. To protect each individual's access to information and library services, the library has established rules of conduct. These rules protect the rights and safety of library patrons and staff, and preserve and protect the library's materials, facilities, and property.

Behavior becomes unacceptable when it interferes with others, compromises the rights of others, causes damage to buildings or equipment, or causes injury to oneself or others. Those willing to modify unacceptable behavior are welcome to stay. However, those who do not comply will be required to leave by a person or persons of authority in the Library. Any person or activity that presents a threat to public and staff safety will be handled as an emergency situation. If necessary, a Police Officer will be called.

While in the library, please

- Ask for help when you need it
- Let us know if the library does not have the item or service you want
- Wear clothing appropriate to library activity, including shirt and shoes
- Keep your conversations and personal electronic devices at a volume that does not disturb others
- Consume food or beverages only in designated areas
- Be courteous of other patrons and staff
- Remember that the library does not stand "*in loco parentis*" to children in the library. Parents, guardians and caregivers are responsible for the behavior, safety and supervision of the children in their care while using the library.

While in the library, please do not

- Destroy, deface, or abuse library property
- Be disruptive, disorderly, or harass other patrons and/or staff
- Smoke or use tobacco products.

- Be under the influence of or consume alcohol or illegal substances
- Sleep
- Bathe
- Bring animals other than service animals or those involved in library programs into the library
- Bring into the library anything which creates an obstacle or takes up seating
- Use skateboards, skates, rollerblades or bicycles on library property
- Bring any item defined as a weapon by the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) onto library property
- Engage in sexual conduct as defined by the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS)
- Conduct surveys or post or distribute printed material without staff approval

In addition to the above, any violation of Federal, State or local statutes will be regarded as a violation of library rules. The Siuslaw Pubic Library District reserves the right to eject or suspend library privileges to those individuals who violate library rules.

Patrons may appeal any decision in writing to the Library Director within 10 days of the date of the decision. The appeal shall state why library privileges should be restored. The Library Director or a designee will respond to the appeal in writing within 10 days of the date the appeal was received. Any person may appeal the Library Director's decision by sending an appeal in writing to the President of the Library Board within 10 days of the appeal decision. The decision of the Library Board is final.

Exceptions to these policies are at the discretion of the library director or a designated staff person.

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163.305 Definitions. As used in chapter 743, Oregon Laws 1971, unless the context requires otherwise:

(6) "Sexual contact" means any touching of the sexual or other intimate parts of a person or causing such person to touch the sexual or other intimate parts of the actor for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of either party.

166.360 Definitions for ORS 166.360 to 166.380. As used in ORS 166.360 to 166.380, unless the context requires otherwise:

(5) "Weapon" means:

(a) A firearm;

(b) Any dirk, dagger, ice pick, slingshot, metal knuckles or any similar instrument or a knife other than an ordinary pocket knife, the use of which could inflict injury upon a person or property;

(c) Mace, tear gas, pepper mace or any similar deleterious agent as defined in ORS 163.211;

(d) An electrical stun gun or any similar instrument;

(e) A tear gas weapon as defined in ORS 163.211;

(f) A club, bat, baton, billy club, bludgeon, knobkerrie, nunchaku, nightstick, truncheon or any similar instrument, the use of which could inflict injury upon a person or property; or

(g) A dangerous or deadly weapon as those terms are defined in ORS 161.015. [1969 c.705 §1; 1977 c.769 §2; 1979 c.398 §1; 1989 c.982 §4; 1993 c.741 §2; 1999 c.577 §2; 1999 c.782 §6; 2001 c.201 §1]