

LIBRARY USE POLICY

The Napa County Library makes every effort to maintain an environment that maximizes everyone's use and enjoyment of library services and to provide a comfortable and safe environment for all library patrons and staff.

The Library Director and designated staff are authorized to interpret these rules in accordance with applicable law and to ensure appropriate behavior of all persons in library facilities. Individuals who fail to comply with these rules may be excluded from the library, property and/or subject to arrest and prosecution.

All Napa County Library locations and properties are smoke free campuses to minimize health risk and enhance the environment in all facilities and grounds.

All library users are expected to be considerate of others while using the library by doing the following:

Maintaining a Safe Library Environment

1. Dangerous behavior to person or property is not permitted.
2. Weapons of any kind are prohibited on library property.
3. Children under the age of eight must be attended by a responsible caregiver at all times.
4. Children's and teen areas are intended to be used only by children or teens and adults accompanying children or teens or working with children's and or teen materials.
5. Carts, bicycles, or bulky articles may not be brought into the library building or left unattended on library property.
6. Photography, recording or video recording in unauthorized areas is not permitted.

Maintaining an Environment Conducive to Library Use

1. Any behavior that interferes with another person's ability to use the library is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: harassing, verbal abuse, threats or repeated unwelcome advances toward library users and staff, emitting noxious odors, or any other activity that disturbs others.
2. Using electronic devices in a manner that disturbs others is prohibited.
3. Conducting any type of business for monetary gain is prohibited.
4. Food may not be consumed in the library, except as defined in the Community Meeting Room Policy. Bottles with lids and other closed containers for liquids are allowed.
5. Defacing library materials or other library property prohibited and a violation of state law (California Penal Code Section 594).
6. Use of public restrooms for bathing and/or laundry, and use of other public areas for personal grooming is prohibited.
7. Shoes and shirt must be worn while on library premises.
8. Sleeping is not permitted on library premises.
9. Bringing animals into the library, other than service animals assisting people with disabilities, is prohibited.

10. Library users must comply with the library's Internet & Electronic Information Policy
11. The following behaviors are prohibited while using the public computer workstations, internet resources provided by the Library or on Library property:
 - Accessing, displaying, printing, or transmitting pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit material. The Library attempts to filter content on its network.