



Johnson City Public Library Library Code of Conduct

The Board of Directors has established this code to make everyone's use of the library as pleasant and as productive as possible. The Board and staff enthusiastically support the library's role as a public institution open to all people. We strive to offer high quality service free of bias and favoritism in a clean, comfortable, and safe environment.

The following are required of everyone using the library:

- children 10 years of age and younger must be accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver
- civility and respect for the rights and feelings of others
- adherence to library policies, procedures and guidelines
- cooperation with reasonable requests by library employees, law enforcement and volunteers
- personal hygiene sufficient to avoid offending or disturbing others
- appropriate use of library equipment, furniture, materials and other resources
- appropriate attire, including shoes and shirt
- courtesy in the use of communication devices so that neither telephone ringing nor conversations disturb others
- willingness to open briefcases, parcels, purses, etc. to enable staff to determine if library materials have been properly checked out
- personal belongings must be clean, pest and odor free, and must fit within the space under one standard library chair
- food/snacks are restricted to designated "food zones" within the library

The following items are not permitted in the library or on library grounds:

- weapons
- illegal drugs
- alcohol (except at events sponsored or approved by the library)
- pets (except animals trained to assist people with disabilities)
- bicycles may not be brought or parked inside the library
- bedrolls, sleeping bags, suitcases, and large plastic bags are not permitted and shall be disposed of by staff if left unattended

The following activities/behaviors are not permitted in the library or on the library grounds:

- leaving children and/or animals unattended in parked vehicles or on library property
- loitering or sleeping in or on the grounds of the library
- using restrooms for preparing food, bathing, doing laundry
- bringing in trash or littering
- smoking, vaping, chewing, or any other use of tobacco-related products
- unapproved solicitation of any type inside the library
- use of skates, skateboards, BMX bikes or similar devices on library property
- loud, abusive or offensive language
- violence or the threat of violence
- public intoxication; disorderly behavior
- any actions which are in violation of City, State, or Federal laws and regulations

This code applies to the use of the library in person, by telephone, through computer networks, or other means as may be available. Any exception to this Code shall only be made with the permission of the library director or their designee. Individuals' failure to comply with this code may result in their temporary or permanent exclusion from the library and library grounds.