

<b>Public Conduct</b>	<b>Approved by: Board of Trustees</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>01/27/98</b>
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The Hall County Library System will provide an atmosphere in its facilities that is conducive to the appropriate use of library services and resources. Use of the library is intended to be for reading, studying, writing, attending library programs, using electronically transmitted materials and locating information. The public is required to comply with the library system's use and behavior guidelines.

**A. The following actions are prohibited on library system property:**

- Any behavior that is disruptive to library use.
- Any criminal activity.
- Distributing or posting printed materials/literature not approved by library staff.
- Selling and/or soliciting for money or items or services.
- Possessing or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Smoking, vaping, or using tobacco products in library buildings or on library grounds.
- Consuming food or beverages that leave behind residue for staff to clean.
- Sleeping.
- Possessing bodily hygiene that is offensive enough so as to constitute a nuisance to other persons.
- Wearing clothes that reveal undergarments or inappropriate body parts.
- Wearing swim suit garments or wet clothes.
- Having bare feet in a library building.
- Placing feet or legs on furniture.
- Misusing or abusing furniture.
- Bringing animals or pets in the library except service animals.
- Any disruptive and disturbing noises created by persons or sound devices.
- Taking library materials into restrooms.
- Willful concealment of library property while on library premises.
- Leaving individuals unattended who are under the age of eleven or who require adult supervision.
- Leaving children or young adults (through the age of 17) on library property after closing time.
- Leaving bags or packages unattended.
- Changing clothes and/or bathing in restrooms.

- Possessing weapons of any type unless patron has legal permit.
- Engaging in disorderly conduct or use of offensive language.
- Sexual or general harassment of patrons or staff.
- Obscene or abusive acts and/or language.
- Display of obscene materials.
- Unauthorized access to non-public areas.
- Parking automobiles on library property when the driver is not using the facility.
- Taking pictures of patrons with their library materials without permission.

**B. Failure to comply with the library system's established rules and regulations for conduct is cause for exclusion from library property for a specified period of time, being placed on trespass, or being subject to arrest. To appeal a temporary library exclusion or permanent trespass, please send a written appeal to Library Director, 127 Main St. NW, Gainesville, GA 30501.**

**C. Communication of threats, physical violence or sexual offenses will result in permanent exclusion from the library.**

**D. Trespassers will be arrested and prosecuted.**

**\* Concealment and removal of library materials is punishable under Georgia Code 20-5-54.**

**\* Theft or damage to library property is punishable under Georgia Code 20-5-52.**

**\*Use of library computer equipment to display obscene photographs or engage in fraud or other criminal acts is punishable under various Georgia and Federal laws and library staff will file a criminal complaint.**