

XII. RULES OF CONDUCT

The Members of the Board of Directors of the Sandusky Library hereby adopt the following policy in order to provide an atmosphere conducive to appropriate use of library services and facilities. These rules of conduct are hereby ordered to be posted in a prominent location in the library and will be given to patrons upon request. The following actions are prohibited on library property:

- selling and/or soliciting for any purposes, which includes but is not limited to money or items of service, prostitution, sale of illegal drugs or sale of alcohol, gambling, etc.
- For the safety of patrons, rather than setting up in front of the entrance, petitioners may set up beside the bike rack (10 feet west from the curb and across from the book drops) and/or in front of the outside granite Donor Wall and/or on the public sidewalk at Jackson Street, Columbus Avenue, and Adams Street.
- distributing or posting printed materials/literature that has not been approved by the Library
- smoking or other uses of tobacco
- eating of any packaged or unpackaged food or drinking of any uncovered beverages in the Library building.
- sleeping or putting a head on the table repeatedly or for prolonged periods of time
- failing to wear shoes or shirt
- putting feet or legs on table tops or other flat surfaces which are meant to be used for writing, reading, or research
- bringing animals or pets into the library (except guide dogs for the blind or hearing impaired and therapy dogs)
- creating any loud, unreasonable, and/or disturbing noise by personal actions, radios, tape players, televisions, telephones, and/or other means of communication
- intentionally damaging, destroying, or stealing any library property, patron's property, or employee's property
- taking library materials into restrooms
- removing library materials from the premises without authorization through lending

procedures

- using public pay phones for extended periods (the use of the pay phones is limited to ten (10) minutes. Pay phones cannot receive incoming calls.)
- using library equipment for extended periods of time or on a repetitive daily or weekly basis
- interfering with another's use of the library through personal hygiene that doesn't conform to customary standards in the community
- leaving a child under six (6) years of age unattended by a responsible, non-library employee
- leaving a child or young adult (up to the age of 17) on library premises after closing time
- leaving a child over the age of six (6) and under the age of thirteen (13) unaccompanied in the library for prolonged periods of time or on a repetitive daily or weekly basis
- allowing a small child to ride the elevator unaccompanied by a responsible, non-library employee
- misusing restrooms, which are meant for Library patrons only, including but not limited to bathing and indecent or illicit acts
- bringing bedrolls, blankets, large duffle bags, large plastic bags measuring over two and one half feet in length or height, or any bags of that size
- carrying weapons of any type
- engaging in disorderly conduct, fighting, or challenging to fight, or using offensive words likely to provoke violence
- engaging in acts of indecent exposure or threatening or attempting to do so
- using obscene or abusive gestures or language
- wearing clothing that doesn't conform to customary standards in the community
- engaging in rude, obnoxious, vexatious, agitating, alarming, annoying, or other unreasonable behavior, noise, or communication with patrons or staff, after previously being warned to cease and desist in such behavior, noise, or communication

- approaching other patrons in an effort to enforce these Rules of Conduct or to conform his/her or others' conduct in any given manner. Only Library staff or law enforcement, where deemed necessary, may approach patrons concerning the enforcement of the Rules of Conduct or to conform his/her or others' conduct in any given manner
- acts or conduct which are prohibited by state, federal, or City of Sandusky ordinance.

Any communication of these threats, use of obscene or abusive language or gestures, physical violence or sexual offenses will result in permanent exclusion if arrest and conviction occur.

Failure to comply with the Library's established rules, regulations, and policies may result in exclusion from the Library for a day, an extended period, or permanently. Such actions may result in arrest.

Theft of Library materials is a serious offense and also may result in arrest and permanent exclusion from the Library.