

PICKAWAY COUNTY DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY
PATRON CONDUCT POLICY

The Pickaway County District Public Library seeks to provide quality library service to all residents of Pickaway County. Parents or guardians are responsible for the conduct and safety of persons under their care. The following code of conduct has been adopted for the comfort and protection of the rights of all those using and working in the library. The library staff will enforce this code in a courteous, but firm manner. Library materials must be checked out at the circulation desk. Reference books, genealogy materials, newspapers, and current periodicals may not be removed from the library.

Library patrons are not permitted to:

1. Smoke within 20 feet of entrance to building.
2. Eat or drink inside building (except for designated areas).
3. Engage in behavior that could disturb other patrons, including, but not limited to: loud talking, running, shoving, throwing objects, physical or verbal harassment or threats.
4. Lie on floor or sleep in library (shall not apply to children under six).
5. Lie on furniture, put feet on furniture, or move furniture without permission.
6. Use restroom as laundry facilities, bathing facilities, or gathering places.
7. Be truant from school.
8. Leave children, who are in need of supervision, unattended.
9. Bring a weapon into or possess a weapon in the library. This does not apply to police officers carrying service weapons in accordance with their department policies.
10. Enter non-public areas such as workrooms, offices, and storage areas without permission.
11. Bring animals, except for service animals, into the library, except as authorized by library staff.
12. Bring into, sell, or possess in the library, alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs.
13. Sell, advertise, petition, or solicit for contributions or support, except as authorized.
14. Damage or destroy library property, equipment or materials.
15. Congregate in or around entrances or stairways, inside or outside the library.
16. Bring a bicycle in the building, unless authorized.
17. Use roller skates, roller blades, or skateboards on library property.
18. Come into the library without proper attire, including shoes and shirt.

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19. Engage in any act of sexual misconduct, including exposure, offensive touching, or sexual harassment of other patrons or staff.
20. Perform any illegal act or conduct in violation of federal, state, or local law, ordinance, or regulation.

People who violate these rules will be asked to stop such actions. The library reserves the right to require anyone who violates these rules to leave the library. Refusal to leave when properly requested may result in arrest for trespassing. The library may deny permission for a person to enter its facilities for a specific time if that person continues to violate these rules, or if that person has engaged in criminal behavior on library premises. Only the Library Director or his/her designees may prohibit a person from using library facilities. Unlawful activities will be reported to a local law enforcement agency.