



## CABARRUS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CONDUCT IN THE LIBRARY

The mission of Cabarrus County Public Library is connecting Cabarrus County citizens with information and resources that educate, enrich, and empower.

The Board of Trustees of the Library has adopted the following regulations so that the Library may provide an atmosphere conducive to appropriate use of their services and facilities. The public is required to comply with all library policies, including these Rules and Regulations.

1. **Noise.** Creating loud, unreasonable, and/or disturbing noises by persons, electronic devices or cell phones is not allowed. Cell phone ringers should be silenced. Cell phone or other electronic conversations must be conducted outside the library building. Adults with children may be asked to step outside in cases of prolonged disruption.
2. **Personal Conduct.** Disorderly conduct of any kind is not allowed. Alcohol and illegal drugs may not be possessed or consumed on library property. Sleeping is not allowed. Shirt and shoes must be worn at all times; clothing must be appropriately buttoned or zipped. Selling and/or soliciting of any kind is not permitted. Personal hygiene that constitutes a nuisance to other Library patrons and employees is not permitted. Inappropriate conduct, aggressive behavior, or harassment of other library patrons will not be tolerated. Blocking aisles, doorways, restrooms, stairways, elevators or ramps by people or property (including power cords) is prohibited. Large objects such as carts, bicycles or luggage may not be brought into Library facilities with the exception of baby strollers. Leaving personal property unattended is prohibited. All property must be within sight of the owner. Library staff are not responsible for the belongings of persons in the library.
3. **Smoking.** Tobacco use of any kind is prohibited within 50 feet of any Cabarrus County owned facility, including all libraries. This includes eCigarettes and vaping devices.
4. **Children.** Children under the age of ten and any person in need of supervision must be attended by a responsible adult at all times. Children up to the age of 17 must not be left at the library after closing time. For the safety of children, adult use of the children's area of the library is limited to use by parents and caregivers acting on behalf of children.
5. **Food.** Food and beverages may not be consumed in the library. Exceptions: bottled water and bottles for infants are allowed.
6. **Animals.** Only service or assistance animals may be brought into the building. The animal must be clearly marked as an official assistance animal. Any service or assistance animals causing a disruption may be asked to leave the library.
7. **Restrooms.** Library materials should not be taken into restrooms. Restrooms may not be used for changing clothes, washing clothes, washing hair, shaving or bathing.

8. **Library Property.** Furniture should not be moved or rearranged without prior permission from library staff. Mistreatment or destruction of any County property—including library facilities, furniture, and materials—is not allowed. Rollerblading or skateboarding is not allowed on library property.
9. **Library Staff.** The harassment and/or ill-treatment of any library employee, volunteer, or representative will not be tolerated. Examples include, but are not limited to, aggressive behavior, sexual advances, inappropriate conversations, stalking behavior, threats, etc.
10. **Illegal Conduct or Activities.** Any other illegal acts or conduct in violation of Federal, State, or local law, ordinance or regulation including G.S.14-208.18 (Sex offender unlawfully on premises) is not permitted. Carrying weapons of any type with the exception of those allowed under NC General Statutes and Cabarrus County Ordinance is not permitted.

Failure to comply with the Library's rules may result in exclusion from the Library for the day, or permanently and/or in arrest. Any behavior not specifically addressed in this document, but deemed a public hazard, safety violation, disruption, or nuisance is also subject to the following penalties and actions at the discretion of Library management. The order and severity of these penalties and actions may differentiate based on the egregiousness of the violation.

**Warnings.** When a violation of these regulations is observed by any library staff member, they will address the occurrence and provide a copy of this document upon request. Multiple warnings regarding the same behavior will require more severe action by library management.

**Temporary Ban.** Individuals causing disruption may be asked to leave the library for a day, or other length of time deemed appropriate by library management. This will include the individual's library card flagged as inactive for the designated length of time.

**Contact of Law Enforcement.** For individuals who refuse to comply with these rules and directives of the library and its staff, law enforcement may be called to assist in mediation and/or removing the individual.

**Permanent Ban.** Prolonged behavior that violates library policies and regulations may result in a permanent ban from all Cabarrus County libraries. The individual banned will receive a certified letter as official notice, reviewing their repeated violations. Law enforcement will be informed, and any attempt by the individual to return to the library will constitute as trespassing.

Any disputes of these regulations or actions may be address with the Library Director. Appeal of a ban will go before the Board of Library Trustees and must include a written statement.