

## **9: RULES AND REGULATIONS OF CONDUCT**

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- A.** The York County Library Board of Trustees has adopted the following policies so that the Library may provide an atmosphere conducive to appropriate use of their services and facilities. The Library is intended to be a place for learning and personal enrichment.
- B.** Enjoy food or drink responsibly while in the library.
1. Keep food and drink away from computers.
  2. Use re-closable, spill-resistant containers for drinks.
  3. Restrict snack food to small, packaged items. Meals, messy foods, and foods with a strong smell are not allowed.
- C.** The following actions are prohibited:
1. Distributing or posting materials and literature not approved by the Library.
  2. Possessing or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
  3. Vaping, tobacco use (smoking & chewing), and smoking marijuana.
  4. Bringing animals or pets into the Library except service animals.
  5. Any loud, unreasonable, and/or disturbing noises created by persons or electronic devices.
  6. Any behavior disruptive to library use or that impedes the ability of staff to serve all library patrons and fulfill their assigned duties. This includes verbal and non-verbal harassment and stalking of patrons and staff.
  7. Intentionally damaging, destroying, or stealing any Library property or a patron's or employee's property.
  8. Taking Library materials into restrooms.
  9. Removing Library materials from the premises without authorization through established lending procedures.
  10. Leaving a child age 10 and under unaccompanied by a parent, guardian, or caregiver age 16 or older.
  11. No weapons allowed, except as permitted by law.
  12. Engaging in disorderly conduct, fighting or challenging to fight, or using offensive words likely to provoke violence.
  13. Indecent exposure.
  14. Using obscene or abusive acts and/or language.
  15. Any other illegal acts or conduct in violation of Federal, State or local law, ordinance or regulation.

- D.** Failure to comply with the Library's established rules and regulations may result in exclusion from the Library for the day or permanently, and/or in arrest.
- E.** Trespassers will be arrested and prosecuted.

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