

Inappropriate Behavior in the Library

Monterey County Free Libraries (MCFL) prohibits individuals from engaging in illegal, threatening, or disruptive behavior on Library premises, or any behavior that threatens the safety of the individual or others. Any individual violating these rules or disrupting Library service may be temporarily or permanently banned from Library premises.

Examples of prohibited behavior include but are not limited to the following:

1. Committing or attempting to commit any activity that would constitute a crime or violation of federal, state, or local statutes or ordinances.
2. Being in possession of firearms or dangerous weapons (exception: a member of law enforcement licensed to carry such weapons, acting in an official capacity).
3. Engaging in verbally or physically threatening or harassing behavior towards Library users, staff, or volunteers; disobeying a reasonable request or directive from Library staff; or engaging in disruptive or unsafe behavior, including but not limited to loud and disruptive noise/conversations or the use of sound/music equipment.
4. Stealing, defacing, damaging, or inappropriately using Library property, including removing property from Library premises without adhering to official checkout procedures.
5. Being disruptive while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances, whether legally possessed or otherwise.
6. Panhandling, soliciting, conducting surveys, or distributing materials without Library permission on Library premises.
7. Eating and/or drinking in non-designated places or near Library computers without prior express Library staff permission.
8. Smoking (including e-cigarettes) in a Library building, including a restroom, or within 20 feet of a Library building entrance.
9. Engaging in overtly sexual conduct on Library premises, including Library restrooms. Stalls are intended and restricted for use by one (1) person at a time, except when a personal attendant is required.
10. Neglecting to provide appropriate supervision of juveniles or individuals who are unable to follow Library rules and look after themselves independently.

11. Bringing in animals other than a trained "service" animal (under control) as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) into Library buildings.
12. Sleeping in Library buildings, including restrooms.
13. Bathing or doing laundry on Library premises, including restrooms.
14. Not wearing shoes or a shirt at all times while on Library premises.
15. Bringing in oversized items that cause an obstruction or leaving items or animals unattended on Library premises.
16. Having bodily hygiene so offensive as to constitute a nuisance to other persons.