

3.12 RULES OF CONDUCT FOR LIBRARY USE

The Board of Trustees has established these rules of conduct to promote a safe, healthy, and pleasant environment for all library users, conducive to study as well as casual use. Library staff will make every effort to apply these rules in a fair, humane, and positive manner for the benefit of all.

LIBRARY USERS ARE EXPECTED TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS:

- Please respect the rights of others to quietly study, read or work without interference.
- Please maintain low noise levels. Listening devices, such as tape players, CD players, and pagers should not be audible to anyone but yourself, and cell phones are to be used in the lobby unless it is essential for business purposes to use a cell phone at the computers. In such a case, please be as quiet as possible and limit your time on the cell phone.
- Please refrain from running, throwing items, pushing and shoving.
- The use of loud, obscene, abusive or threatening language towards other users or staff is not permitted.
- Bicycling, skateboarding, and roller-skating on Library property are a safety hazard to our users and are not allowed. Bicycles should not be brought inside nor left on the front sidewalk (a bike rack is provided outside).
- Smoking or use of tobacco, cannabis, or vaping products is not allowed anywhere in the Library or within 25 feet of any Library entrance.
- For safety and hygiene reasons, library users must wear appropriate clothing for public places, including shoes and shirts.
- Restrooms are never to be used for meetings, loitering, or consuming alcoholic beverages or using illicit drugs.
- Only assistive animals are permitted in the building, except when programming includes animals or the animal(s) has/have been specifically approved by the Board.
- Standards of personal hygiene are required to conform to community standards for public places. Persons whose bodily hygiene causes others to complain may be asked to leave.
- Begging, selling, or solicitation on Library property is prohibited, with the exception of Library sponsored, Friends of the Library, or Asotin County Library Foundation sponsored events.
- Please do not distribute leaflets and do not post notices not specifically authorized by the Library staff.
- Any illegal act or conduct in violation of federal, state, or local law, ordinance, or regulation is prohibited.

People whose actions violate these rules will be asked to stop such actions. All staff members have the right to deny access to the Library, if, in their judgment, these rules have been abused. Library staff may contact the Asotin County Sheriff's Office or the Clarkston Police for assistance if necessary.

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