

El Dorado County Library Policy

Standards of Behavior

Purpose:

Library users of all ages have the right to expect that the library will provide a welcoming and respectful atmosphere in which to learn, read and appropriately engage in provided educational opportunities.

Policy:

FOR THE SAFETY AND COMFORT OF ALL:

- Comply with staff requests.
- Be considerate of fellow library users: do not harass, intimidate or disturb them. Concerns about fellow library patrons should be addressed to Library staff.
- Wear appropriate clothing including shoes and shirt.
- Eat and drink in designated areas only. Beverages in securely covered containers are permitted.
- Bring only fully controlled service animals into the building.
- Maintain orderly and safe entry/exit by keeping high-traffic areas, doorways, aisles and stairways clear.
- Use facilities, including restrooms, appropriately.
- Be responsible for the conduct of children in your care and follow our Children's Policies (below)
- Library fundraising is the only solicitation allowed on library grounds.
- The Library is not responsible for items that are lost, stolen, or damaged in or on the grounds of the Library.

PROHIBITED IN THE EL DORADO COUNTY LIBRARY:

- Skateboarding is prohibited on library property. Wheeled vehicles operated in an unsafe or disruptive manner are prohibited. Motorized vehicles are limited to parking areas. Bicycles must be left outside the building in the bicycle racks.
- Loud disruptive noise, or using offensive language, gestures or behavior
- Damage or misuse of library materials, furniture, the building or its grounds.
- Using tobacco products, or using or being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.
- Sleeping.
- Offensive, pervasive odor that interferes with others' use and enjoyment of the library.
- Weapons of any kind are not permitted.
- Behavior becomes unacceptable when it disrupts the appropriate use of the library by others and when it could result in a safety hazard, injury, or damage to Library property.
- Engaging in any activity prohibited by law.

Procedures:

Library staff and/or appropriate authorities will enforce standards and violations may result in ejection from the Library and its premises and/or library privileges may be revoked.

Standards of Behavior-Children's Policy

Purpose:

The El Dorado County Library welcomes and encourages children to use library materials, programs, and services.

The Library is open to a wide cross-section of the public in the same way as a shopping mall or a supermarket. Library Staff cares deeply for your child's safety but cannot substitute for parents or teachers, and are not babysitters.

The El Dorado County Library affirms the right and responsibility of parents/legal guardians to determine and to monitor their children's use of online resources. Our Libraries provide unrestricted Internet access.

In order to ensure that patrons of all ages can safely enjoy the library's services, the following policies are in effect:

- **Children 0-9 years old** must be directly supervised by a parent/legal guardian or responsible caregiver at least 16 years of age.
- **Children and youth 10-15 years old** are expected to adhere to the following:
 - All Library Standards (listed above)
 - For safety and emergency contact information, youth must carry an El Dorado County Library card while at the Library and/or on the Library grounds.
 - Parent/legal guardian will be notified if a child or youth continues to disregard Library Standards and the child's library privileges will be reviewed/suspended.
- **Youth 16-18 years old** are expected to follow Library Standards
 - Are not required to carry library cards at all time
 - May provide direct supervision for children 0-9 years of age and be responsible for children in their care

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