

LIBRARY

Rules of Behavior

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System has established the following rules to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all. Actions that disrupt the use of the Library by others are not permitted. Examples are provided to better define behaviors, but inappropriate activities are not limited to these examples.

Unacceptable behaviors include:

- Any act which is unlawful or which could result in physical harm to persons or property, or is inconsistent with the general purpose of the Library.
- Disorderly or disruptive conduct of any kind, including loud voices or noise, running, throwing any object, using electronic devices without headphones, abusive/obscene language.
- Destroying or damaging Library property.
- Loitering, congregating in the lobby or outside the building, interfering with the free passage of those in or on the premises, or trespassing into staff areas (County Code, Sec. 14-139.03).
- Solicitation or literature disbursement without approval.
- Eating or drinking unless there is a designated area. Bottled water is permitted.
- Leaving children under the age of 8 unattended at any time. Maryland law requires that caregivers must be at least 13 years of age. Police may be notified if minors are left unattended. (MD ANN Code, Family Law 5-801)

Failure to observe these rules may result in loss of privileges and exclusion from the Library for a designated period of time. Library staff have the authority and responsibility to enforce these rules. Directions given by staff must be followed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

