



Garfield County Library District Code of Conduct

The Garfield County Public Library District is committed to promoting safe, respectful, and inclusive access to all the resources and facilities in the District. The Code of Conduct is designed to foster an atmosphere of mutual respect and courtesy and applies to all patrons, volunteers, and staff while on District property. The Library District is committed to serving everyone. Each person is expected to respect the rights of others and enjoy the library for the purpose in which it is intended.

Prohibited Behaviors:

Examples of prohibited behaviors include (but are not limited to):

- Performing any illegal act or conduct in violation of federal, state or local law, ordinance, or regulations.
- Physical, sexual, or verbal harassment or threats.
- Disrupting normal operations or interfering with patrons' reasonable use and enjoyment of the library.
- Inadequate attire, including lack of shoes and shirts.
- Inappropriate use of restrooms for grooming, bathing, washing clothes.
- Offensive odors that constitute a nuisance to others.
- Consuming or being under the influence of alcohol or marijuana.
- Smoking, vaping, or use of any tobacco products.
- Damaging, destroying or altering library property.
- Openly carrying firearms in buildings or on property owned or leased by the Garfield County Public Library District, or at events sponsored by the Garfield County Public Library District. This policy does not apply to legally licensed, concealed guns as provided for under Colorado laws, on duty law enforcement personnel, or any licensed private security guards employed by the Garfield County Public Library District.
- Open or concealed carry of a knife (3" or larger) or other object that could be used as a weapon.

- Leaving children or others persons in need of supervision unattended by a responsible person.
- Soliciting.
- Animals (except for service animals).
- Using another person's library card without permission.
- Obstructing or monopolizing any library space; leaving personal property unattended.
- Consuming beverages without a lid.
- As a safety check, library staff may attempt to wake patrons who appear to be unconscious or asleep.

Any violation of the code of conduct may result in suspension of library privileges and access to facilities and/or services. The Branch Manager, the Executive Director, or their designee may restrict access to library facilities. Suspension of privileges may range from 24 hours (for a relatively minor first offense) up to one year.

All appeals of suspended privileges must be made in writing to the Executive Director.