

## **POLICY ON PUBLIC CONDUCT**

Any behavior in the Library or on the grounds which interferes with the use of the Library by others or which endangers property or persons is reason for immediate removal from the premises at the discretion of the Library staff or Library Director. Any individual or group engaging in such behavior may be asked for identification. The staff of the library is as prepared as possible to deal with problems which potentially may occur as a result of member misconduct.

The following categories of unacceptable conduct in a public library are in violation of the law (state or municipal codes are cited). Such conduct is grounds for asking an individual to leave the building and/ or calling the police.

Possession of dangerous weapons in the library in open or concealed manner.

Loitering about in any area of the library where children normally congregate without any apparent business for being present.

California Penal Code, Sec. 653(g)

Following, touching, or harassing children in the library.

California Penal Code, Sec. 647(a)

Entering the library under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or drug or having in one's possession in the library any alcoholic beverage in a receptacle whose seal has been broken.

California Penal Code, Sec. 647(f)

Engaging in lewd or dissolute conduct or soliciting anyone to engage in lewd or dissolute conduct, including sexual harassment of library patrons or staff.

California Penal Code, Sec. 647(a)

Accosting anyone in the library for the purpose of begging or soliciting.

California Penal Code, Sec. 647(c)

Loitering in or about library restrooms for the purpose of engaging in any lewd, lascivious, or unlawful act.

California Penal Code, Sec. 647(d)

Disturbing order in the library by an act of violence or an act likely to produce violence.

California Penal Code, Sec. 415

Engaging in fighting, violent, threatening or tumultuous behavior in the library.

California Penal Code, Sec 415

Making unreasonably loud noise that imposes on the privacy and rights of others.

California Penal Code, Sec. 415

Addressing abusive language or threats to a library patron or employee so that it creates a danger of violence.

California Penal Code, Sec. 415

Willful damage, destruction, vandalism, or theft of library materials and facilities.

California Penal Code, Secs. 1910, 1911

Refusal to leave the public library building upon being asked to do so by any responsible staff member for any of the above violations, or any other just cause.

California Penal Code, Sec. 653(g)

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