

## **HOMER PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY USER CONDUCT**

The Homer Public Library is available to persons of all ages. While everyone has an equal right to access library services and facilities, no person has the right to interfere with the ability of others to use and enjoy library resources, services and facilities.

To ensure that visitors may enjoy a safe and pleasant library experience, the following rules have been established and adopted by the Library Advisory Board and approved by the Homer City Council.

The Library director and staff are responsible for enforcing customer conduct in the Library. Anyone found to be interfering with another's use of the Library will be asked to stop the behavior or activity. If the behavior continues, the staff will ask the individual to leave the Library. Failure to leave will result in staff calling the police for assistance. Repeated or serious violations may result in denial of library privileges and permanent exclusion.

Patrons should observe the following guidelines:

- Attend to children.
- Speak in a soft voice.

No list can be exhaustive; however, any conduct which disrupts the Library is prohibited. The following behaviors are inappropriate and are not acceptable in the Library:

- Disturbing or distracting others.
- Using abusive or profane language.
- Running inside the Library.
- Using a skateboard, scooter, roller or in-line skates in the Library.
- Using cell phones to make or receive calls while in the Library.
- Bringing animals into the facility, with the exception of service animals such as dogs serving patrons experiencing disabilities.
- Bringing food or drinks other than bottled water beyond the security gates.
- Smoking in the Library.
- Circulating petitions or soliciting funds.
- Distributing or posting materials that have not been previously approved by library personnel.
- Making unauthorized or inappropriate use of library equipment (for example, computers, copiers, fire alarms, or emergency exit doors).
- Trespassing into any area closed to the public.
- Exhibiting bodily hygiene or fragrance that is distracting to users or staff to the point that it interferes with users' use of library resources or staff work.
- Using library facilities for purposes of bathing or sleeping.
- Displaying threatening demeanor toward patrons or staff.

- Possessing a weapon except as exempted under State of Alaska law (AS 29.35.145) or other applicable authority.
- Consuming or possessing alcohol or illegal drugs or being under the influence.
- Destroying or defacing library property or the property of customers or staff.
- Illegally removing library materials (theft). Theft includes but is not limited to:
  - Attempts to remove materials from the Library without checking them out
  - The removal of artwork, plants, or decorations from library property
  - Clipping portions or sections from books and other library materials
- Committing any other illegal acts or conduct in violation of Federal, State, or local law, ordinance or regulation.

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