

Euclid Public Library encourages the use of its facility for learning, enrichment, and the legitimate use of the library's resources and services. In order to preserve that opportunity, we ask patrons to be respectful of each other and behave in a manner that does not disrupt other patrons or staff.

The Library Board of Trustees is responsible for determining the rules for public behavior in the library that are necessary to:

- Protect the rights of individuals to use library property, materials, and services;
- Protect the rights of library employees
- to conduct library business without interference;
- Ensure the safety of library patrons and employees.

The rules of public behavior are prominently posted in the library. Library employees and security personnel are authorized to bring to an individual's attention any act or omission that violates these rules.

The individual will be asked to change the problem behavior to conform to the rules. If such change is not evident or forthcoming, that individual will be asked to leave library property. Failure to leave if asked may result in the police being called and a possible charge of criminal trespass per Section 2911.21 of the Ohio Revised Code.

***Behavior that interferes with the rights of others includes, but is not limited to:***

- Leaving children unattended who are unable to care for themselves
- Unreasonable noise including: loud talking, singing, boisterous activity, cell phone and audio/visual equipment usage
- Profane, obscene or abusive language; racial and ethnic epithets
- Harassing patrons or staff. Deliberate repeated behavior that is intimidating, hostile or offensive, or adversely impacts staff work performance
- Intentionally damaging, destroying or stealing property belonging to the library, another patron or staff
- Running
- Sleeping
- Loitering
- Abuse or improper use of furniture, equipment or materials
- Gambling, panhandling, soliciting money, any activity for personal or business profit
- Blocking entrance to and exit from the building; monopolizing/obstructing space, seating, tables or equipment to the exclusion of others
- Trespassing, violating an eviction, or entering library property when banned
- Fighting, challenging someone to fight, physical abuse or assault
- Engaging in or soliciting a sexual act. Indecent exposure
- Improper dress including bare feet, no shirt, and uncovered swimsuits
- Vandalizing library facilities or equipment

- Being under the influence, possessing alcohol or drugs, selling drugs or alcoholic beverages
- Bathing, shaving or washing clothes on the premises
- Bringing animals other than service animals into the library
- Smoking in the building or within 50 feet of the public entrance
- Drinking beverages without secure, no-spill lids
- Eating in the library other than in designated areas
- Using roller blades, roller skates, skateboards, spiked shoes, cleats, or other sports equipment in the library or on library property
- Entering unauthorized workspaces or work areas
- Other acts disruptive to patrons and staff

## **STUDENTS AFTER SCHOOL**

Library staff is available after school to assist students in finding the resources they need to study, prepare for tests or exams or complete homework assignments. After school students are encouraged to bring study materials. This is our designated “Study Time” and the expectation is that students are actively engaged in quiet study. A copy of the library code of conduct has been made available to you through your local school district. Your signature demonstrates your understanding of our policy and willingness to abide by our Code of Conduct.

Students who violate these guidelines will be give notice of this policy. A violation may result in a student’s expulsion from the library, suspension of library privileges, or criminal prosecution or other legal action, as appropriate.

## **EMERGENCIES**

In the event of an emergency, patrons shall comply with instructions from library personnel. It is illegal to carry weapons of any kind, either concealed or in plain view, in the building unless the person in possession of the weapon is a law enforcement officer.

## **STUDY ROOMS**

The library’s quiet study rooms are limited to four (4) patrons per room. Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

## **VIOLATIONS**

Patrons who violate these guidelines will be given notice of this policy. A violation may result in a patron’s expulsion from the library, suspension of library privileges, or criminal prosecution or other legal action, as appropriate. When necessary the library will work with law enforcement authorities to prosecute actions for criminal behavior against the library, its patrons, and staff.