



Public Conduct Policy

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The Library's mission is achieved by the willingness of its patrons to respect and coexist with one another in library spaces. Any behavior or activity that interferes with the library's mission or services is prohibited. Persons who fail to observe the following guidelines may be asked to leave the library and library grounds. Those refusing to leave will be subject to arrest under trespass laws of the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

While not a complete list, the following are not allowed in the library or on library grounds:

- Any behavior that endangers or could potentially endanger safety or health; including blocking aisles, exits, or entrances.
- Selling, using, or being under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol.
- Tobacco use. This includes all e-smoking products.
- Verbally or physically harassing or threatening another person including making suggestive comments or yelling; or threatening violence against another person, including stalking, staring, lurking, gesturing, racially or ethnically charged language; offensive touching, or any sexual harassment; or obscene acts such as sex acts or indecent exposure.
- Trespassing in nonpublic areas and being in the library without permission of an authorized library employee before or after library operating hours.
- Using any personal audible devices without headphones or with headphones set at a volume that disturbs others.
- Bringing into the Library large objects such as shopping carts, bicycles, and/or multiple bags of personal items. Personal belongings must not block or impede exits, hallways, walkways, electrical outlets, equipment, or another patron's ability to use library services. SCPL reserves the right to inspect all personal belongings when the staff has reason to believe this policy or rule has been violated.
- Unattended personal property. Leaving personal property unattended will result in them being placed in the Library's lost and found. Patrons are responsible for the care and safety of their own personal property, both inside and outside of the library building. SCPL is not responsible for personal items lost, stolen, or damaged at the library.
- Bringing into the library pets or animals, other than service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Vandalism, theft, deliberate destruction, or altering library property or the personal property of other patrons or staff members.
- Using library facilities for personal grooming, bathing, shaving, shampooing, or doing laundry.
- Lying down or sleeping in the library or on library grounds.
- Eating and drinking in areas not designated for these activities. Only spill-proof cups, containers with secure lids, and plastic bottles with screw tops are permitted in designated areas.
- Occupying or monopolizing library spaces to the exclusion of other library users.
- Leaving stains or messes at study tables, carrels, and reading areas.
- Inappropriate dress. Appropriate apparel, including shirts and footwear, must be worn in the library, or you may be asked to leave the premises.
- Panhandling, loitering, soliciting, selling, conducting unauthorized surveys, and campaigning.
- Recreational activities such as skateboarding, roller skating, and rollerblading.
- Failure to supervise a child or adult in need of care so that he or she does not disturb other persons in the library, damage library property, or endanger their own personal safety. The Unattended Child Policy will be strictly enforced.
- Refusing to leave the library property at closing.
- Failing to comply with a reasonable request from library staff or security personnel.
- Violation of any local, state, or federal law.

Scott County Public Library reserves the right to prohibit any behavior or actions which may be inappropriate or disruptive. Failure to comply with the SCPL Public Conduct Policy may result in limited or suspended library privileges.