



**ROANOKE  
COUNTY VA  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

# Rules of Conduct

Welcome! We are glad you are here. In order to ensure a safe and welcoming environment, and to promote a positive library experience for everyone, visitors are expected to comply with the following Rules of Conduct.

**Any behavior that disrupts the regular operations of the library for patrons & staff is prohibited.**

**Examples include, and are not limited to:**

- Any act that is prohibited by local, state, or federal law.
- Boisterous and unruly behavior, including harassing, bullying, threatening or intimidating patrons and staff.
- Using obscene gestures and language.
- Obstructing or monopolizing any library space.
- Damaging library materials and property or removing them without permission or properly checking them out.
- Inappropriate use of restrooms for bathing, washing clothes, etc.
- Failing to adequately supervise children or others requiring care.
- Leaving children under age 13 unattended.\*
- Use of library equipment to infringe on copyright protections of materials or to commit any other act prohibited by local, state or federal law.\*\*
- Soliciting or distributing literature in a way that disrupts regular library operations.
- Animals (except service animals & those that are part of library programming).
- Inadequate attire, including lack of shoes and shirts.
- Use of bicycles, skates, skateboards, scooters, hoverboards, inside or on library sidewalks, etc.

\* Parents and caregivers are responsible for ensuring the safety of the children in their care while using the library.

All unaccompanied children must be able to understand and follow the Library Rules of Conduct.

\*\*Title 17, U.S. Code (copyright) Virginia Code § 18.2-372 through § 18.2-374 (obscene materials) or § 18.2-377 (obscene materials)