



## **CLEVELAND COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM**

### **LIBRARY RULES OF USE**

The Cleveland County Library System and the library's Advisory Board offers and maintains a welcoming environment open to all residents of Cleveland County regardless of age, sexual orientation, racial or ethnic origin, religion, or economic status.

To help ensure this welcoming environment, the following rules have been developed with all users in mind. These rules may be changed as needed and therefore are not limited to this current list. All patrons, visitors and staff are subject to them. Failure to abide by them may have serious consequences, including being banned from any or all branches of the Cleveland County Library System and/or involvement of law enforcement.

#### **The following activities are prohibited:**

1. Obscene or abusive language, engaging in disorderly conduct, and/or committing a nuisance to other customers or library staff.
2. Using tobacco products including, vaping or e-cigarettes, on library property in areas that are not designated for the use of tobacco products.
3. Playing of audio or video such that sound is audible to others and is distracting
4. Blocking or in any way interfering with the free movement of any person or persons on library property.
5. Sleeping for the safety of any library customer and their belongings
6. Bringing animals, other than service animals as covered by the ADA into library branch locations.
7. Consuming of illicit drugs or alcoholic beverages in library locations or grounds and/or being in an intoxicated state in library locations or grounds.
8. Removing any library property from the buildings or grounds without authorization through established lending procedures.
9. Soliciting or selling of any kind.
10. Panhandling and/or Loitering.
11. Distributing leaflets/flyers or posting notices without authorization through established library policies and procedures.
12. Consuming meals inside the library, except in the patio/garden area. Covered drinks are allowed

13. Engaging in harassing or menacing behavior (such as, but not limited to, staring or other intimidating verbal or physical acts).
14. Rearranging of any library furniture without the express permission of staff.
15. Entering any Cleveland County Library System location without clothing/ shirt, pants, etc) and footwear.
16. Tampering or otherwise circumventing computer security software or downloading illegal software or tampering with library computers or the library network.
17. Personal hygiene that interferes with the enjoyment of the library by other customers and/or library staff's ability to use library locations.
18. Unreasonable use of restrooms including, but not limited to laundering items, bathing, shaving, and sexual activity of any kind, etc.
19. The use of power outlets for unsafe devices including, but not limited to, devices used to heat/warm food, hair dryers, or other grooming devices.

**Violations of the Rules of Use will subject a customer, up to, and including, banning from all library locations/branches of the Cleveland County Library System.**

North Carolina General Statutes Concerning Disruptive Customer Behavior

G.S. 14-33 Misdemeanor assaults, batteries, and affrays.

G.S. 14-76 Larceny, mutilation, or destruction of public records and papers.

G.S. 14-127 Willful and wanton injury to real property.

G.S. 14-132 Disorderly conduct in and injuries to public buildings and facilities.

G.S. 14-134 Trespass on land after being forbidden.

G.S. 14-159-13 Second degree trespass.

G.S. 14-190.9 Indecent exposure.

G.S. 14-204.1 Loitering for the purpose of engaging in prostitution offense.

G.S. 14-277.1 Communicating threats.

G.S. 14-398 Theft or destruction of property of public libraries, museums, etc.

G.S. 153A-266 Powers and duties of trustees.

These rules of use for the library were developed, in part, through consultation with North Carolina General Statutes Concerning Disruptive Customer Behavior

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