

Mercer Area Library Use Guidelines

Mercer Area Library strives to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all our patrons for reading, learning, exploring, creating, participating in programs and enjoying all the Library has to offer.

Illegal Conduct/Activities

Library patrons may not engage in any action or activity that violates any Federal, State, local laws, ordinances, regulations and/or community standards. Weapons of any kind are not allowed.

Personal Conduct/Behavior

Patrons may not: engage in disruptive, disorderly or threatening behavior; smoke (including e-cigarettes) or use tobacco in any form; possess, consume or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs; solicit for money, signatures, donations, services or goods; sleep; make unreasonable noise including cell phone use. Loitering in or outside the Library is prohibited.

Children/Vulnerable Individuals

Children under the age of 12 must be attended by a responsible person while using the Library. A child, young adult (under 17) may not be left at the Library after closing. Adult use of the children/Young Adult areas is limited to use by parents and caregivers acting on behalf of children.

Food/Drinks

Drinks in closed containers such as covered cups, cans or water bottles are allowed. Packaged snacks that are consumed by an individual are allowed (crackers, cookies, etc.).

Animals

Service animals only are allowed in the Library.

Restrooms

Library materials may not be taken into the restroom.

Library Property

Furniture may not be moved without staff permission; heads, feet and legs must be kept off tables.

Library Policies

Adherence to all Library policies is expected. Using another's Library card or number without permission is prohibited.

Attire

Appropriate dress for a public place is required; shoes and shirts must be worn; clothing must be appropriately buttoned or zipped.

Failure to comply with the Library Use Guidelines may result in exclusion from the Library permanently and/or in arrest.

The Library is not responsible for personal items that are lost, stolen or damaged on Library premises.