

# Canal Fulton Public Library

## Rules of Conduct Policy

Effective 8/14/2024

People demonstrating disruptive, disorderly or inappropriate behavior will be required to leave the library premises. This includes failure to follow library rules, regulations, or procedures. This includes any actions that deliberately annoy others, disrupt library operations, or prevent the legitimate use of the library and its resources.

### **Examples of inappropriate behavior include:**

1. Profanity or abusive language
2. Loud talking, fighting, or running
3. Lewd acts
4. Smoking, as defined at footnote 1 below<sup>1</sup>, or using tobacco, marijuana, or electronic substitutes in any form inside the library or on library grounds
5. Possession, sale, or use of alcoholic beverages, and or illegal substances
6. Possession of a deadly weapon or firearm, as defined by law, by anyone other than a law enforcement officer, on library property except as otherwise permitted by law
7. Brandishing or carrying a knife or other sharp object, if the knife or other sharp object is used as a weapon and or in a manner that could reasonably result in personal injury
8. Misuse or vandalism of library property
9. Skateboarding on library property
10. Use of cell phones in the library for talking is prohibited. Please go into the lobby to use your phone or exit the library.
11. No solicitation allowed without the authorization of the library director.

### **General Procedures and Consequences:**

1. Library employees are authorized to bring to an individual's attention, any act or omission that violates these rules and detracts from the decorum of the library.
2. Such an individual will be asked to change his or her behavior to conform to the rules.
3. If such change is not evident or forthcoming, that individual will be asked to leave the library property.
4. Failure to leave if asked will result in the police being called.
5. Any individual who repeatedly violates the library rules and regulations may be denied the privilege of access to the library, by the library board of trustees, upon recommendation of the library director.
6. A written report will be filed with the director, and copies will be given to the local law enforcement official when appropriate.
7. The Director may establish rules for the protection of public health.

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<sup>1</sup> "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated tobacco product or plant product intended for inhalation in any manner or in any form. "Smoking" includes the use of an electronic smoking device and a vapor product.