



RULES OF CONDUCT FOR LIBRARY PATRONS

The National City Public Library shall keep the following rules posted at the entrance and elsewhere as deemed necessary.

Please consider your fellow library users and staff and refrain from the following:

1. Smoking, eating, drinking, or bringing food or drink into the building.
2. Sleeping or loitering. Lying on the floor or furniture is prohibited. Feet must remain on the floor and not on the furniture or wall.
3. Soliciting or panhandling on Library property. Distributing handbills or flyers, soliciting signatures for petitions, selling merchandise, or other similar activities that may disrupt patrons' use and enjoyment of the Library.
4. Any activity or condition that unreasonably interferes with library patrons and staff's comfort, safety, use or quiet and peaceful enjoyment of the Library, including but not limited to:
 - 4a. Obstructing, disturbing, intentionally interfering with, or intimidating other library patrons or library staff (California Penal Code Section 602.1(b)).
 - 4b. Making loud or unreasonable noise or other disturbance such as running or talking loudly.
 - 4c. Use of cell phones and/or similar personal communications or entertainment devices such as headphones, radios or portable devices. Cell phone ringer volumes should be set to vibrate and use should be restricted to the lobby or outside the building.
 - 4d. Offensive body odor due to poor personal hygiene, overpowering perfume/cologne.
 - 4e. Excessive public displays of affection.
5. Bringing any containers, packages, briefcases, parcels, or bundles into the library which singly or collectively exceed 24" x 18" x 6". All items not prohibited are subject to inspection.
6. Bringing shopping carts or wheeled conveyances into the building, with the exception of wheelchairs and baby strollers/carriages used for the actual transport of a person or child or wheeled backpacks and book carriers not exceeding 24"x15"x12" (excluding handles); and leaving wheeled conveyances in front of doorway, impeding ingress or egress to/from the library, or creating safety hazards. "Wheeled conveyances" include but are not limited to bicycles, skateboards, roller skaters, and scooters.
7. Bringing animals or pets into the building, with the exception of service animals or properly licensed guide dogs; and leaving animals unattended on library premises. A "service animal" is any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefits of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Americans with Disabilities Act, 28 C.F.R. § 36.104 and 28 C.F.R. § 35.104.

8. Bringing sleeping bags, bedrolls, or blankets into the building (blankets for small children are acceptable.)
9. Entering the Library without wearing shoes and/or shirt.
10. Blocking library entrance areas, aisles, doorways, stairways or elevators, or interfering with the free flow of pedestrian traffic in such areas.
11. Using basins or restrooms for purposes other than washing hands and face.

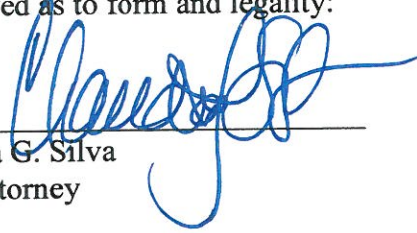
Patrons who violate the Rules of Conduct may be asked to leave the library premises, may be issued a barring notice which revokes or suspends their library privileges at the National City Public Library, and/or may be subject to arrest and prosecution. The notice is effective upon receipt, but may be appealed to the Library Board of Trustees within ten (10) calendar days of issuance by filing a written notice of appeal with the City Librarian. Except for violations of Rule 4a, enforcement of the barring order will be held in abeyance pending the appeal. Violation of Rule 4a will bar the patron until an appeal is determined in the patron's favor.

Approved by the Library Board of Trustees this 11th day of July 2016.



City Librarian

Approved as to form and legality:



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