

Library Rules of Conduct

PCCLD seeks to provide a safe, comfortable environment in its libraries in order to promote a worthwhile and satisfying library experience. Library customers are expected to follow all library policies, including this Customer Code of Conduct policy. Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the library and/or the loss of library privileges.

PCCLD expects library customers to abide by all federal, state and local laws while at the library. The Executive Director or his/her designee is authorized to call local law enforcement officials and report suspected violations of the law.

PCCLD expects library customers to observe normal rules of common courtesy. Library customers who are not courteous to others will be asked to stop their discourteous behavior or leave the library.

Prohibited activities at PCCLD libraries include but are not limited to:

- Engaging in any behavior that jeopardizes the health, safety, or well-being of customers or staff
- Bringing in concealed weapons not legally licensed and permitted, or openly displaying a weapon except by law enforcement officials
- Dispensing chemicals or noxious substances including, but not limited to, mace, pepper spray, stink bombs, and tear gas
- Abandoning or leaving young children unattended
- Vandalizing library facilities, equipment, or materials
- Littering on library property
- Using obscene or vulgar language
- Smoking or other tobacco use (including the use of smokeless tobacco products, e-cigarettes, and unregulated nicotine products) within the building or within 20 feet of an entrance unless otherwise posted.
- Removing library materials from the building without checking them out
- Engaging in voyeurism, peeping, stalking or acts of public indecency
- Harassing customers or staff
- Failing to wear shirt or shoes or facial mask (mask temporarily required until further notice due to COVID-19 public health crisis).
- Bringing in animals other than service animals except as part of a library-sponsored program
- Distributing leaflets or posting notices not authorized by the library administration
- Panhandling, loitering, selling, or soliciting
- Using the library as a place to sleep
- Eating except in designated area or drinking from uncovered containers
- Bathing, shaving or washing clothes
- Bringing in bulky items that take up excessive space
- Playing or wading in a library water feature
- Making loud or disturbing noises
- Skateboarding, skating, or using any similar recreational device inside or outside the library
- Possessing or using alcohol, marijuana, or illegal drugs.

This policy will be posted in all PCCLD libraries.