

# GOLETA VALLEY LIBRARY

## RULES OF CONDUCT

Welcome to the Goleta Valley Library. These rules of conduct are for the comfort, safety and protection of all Library patrons and Library staff. Library staff will firmly and courteously enforce these rules.

We ask your cooperation in maintaining an environment conducive to enjoyable use of the Library for all.

### I. DANGEROUS, DESTRUCTIVE, OR ILLEGAL CONDUCT:

- Physical abuse or assault;
- Fighting or challenging to fight;
- Making violent and threatening statements;
- Engaging in or soliciting any sexual act; and
- Damaging or destroying Library property
- Stalking, bullying or intimidating another person

### NO ACTIVITIES THAT DISTURB OTHER PATRONS' USE OF THE LIBRARY ARE ALLOWED

These examples are provided as an illustration, this is not an exhaustive list. Any patron displaying any dangerous, destructive, or illegal behaviors will be instructed to leave the Library immediately. Police will be called and appropriate legal action will follow. **In addition to immediate removal from the Library and possible criminal prosecution, a patron exhibiting such behaviors will have their Library privileges suspended for up to one year, depending upon the severity of the situation.** The Library reserves the right to limit the size and number of items brought into the Library.

### II. OTHER PROHIBITED CONDUCT:

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1. Failing to observe Library rules or policies.
2. Using harassing or insulting language.
3. Personal items must be attended to at all times.  
Unattended personal items are subject to the City of Goleta Policy on **Lost and Unclaimed Personal Property and Abandoned Property Found on City-Owned Property.**
4. Failing to wear shirt/top, pants/skirt, and shoes.
5. Leaving children under the age of eight (8) unattended by a parent or authorized person age 14 or older.
6. Blocking Library entrances or exits with personal property (i.e., bicycles, strollers, etc.) or leaving animals unattended anywhere on Library Property.
7. Entering Library with animals other than service animals authorized by law.
8. Entering Library with bicycles.
9. Riding skates, roller shoes, scooters, skateboards, or other similar devices anywhere on Library Property.
10. Smoking.
11. Fraudulent use of another's Library card and/or number for any purpose, including using another's Library card to reserve or use Library computers.
12. Unreasonable use of rest rooms, including laundering, bathing, and shaving.
13. Possessing, consuming, or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
14. Drinking, except for nonalcoholic beverages with a secure top.
15. Eating, except in Library designated areas.
16. Disturbing or annoying anyone with loud and/or unreasonable noise, including but not limited to using electronic equipment or mobile telephones at a volume that disturbs others.
17. Petitioning, soliciting or selling merchandise or services without written permission from the Library Services Manager or designee.
18. Refusal to follow reasonable direction from Library staff.
19. Having offensive body odor or personal hygiene so as to interfere with other patrons' ability to use the Library.
20. Carrying weapons of any type.

**If you observe anyone violating any of these rules of conduct, please inform Library staff.**

**Any patrons displaying these behaviors will be addressed in the following manner:**

- **FIRST VIOLATION:** Initial warning, given copy of Library Rules of Conduct.
- **SECOND VIOLATION:** Library privileges suspended for one day.
- **THIRD VIOLATION:** Library privileges suspended for seven days.
- **FOURTH VIOLATION:** Library privileges suspended for up to one year.

**EXCEPTION:** Notwithstanding the progressive action described above, if a patron cannot or does not cease the behavior immediately upon direction from Library staff, the Library staff shall direct the patron to leave the Library immediately and not to return to the Library until the behavior ceases.

