

Mesa County Public Library

Code of Conduct

The Mesa County Libraries strive to provide a safe, comfortable, and welcoming environment for all our customers. We offer open and respectful access for all while reserving the right to enforce reasonable rules and guidelines to this end.

In addition to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, the following are intended to guide library users in their conduct at Mesa County Libraries:

- Children under eleven years of age must be accompanied by a guardian or caretaker who is at least sixteen years of age.
- Cell phone ringers should be turned off. In consideration of others, calls are to be taken outside or into the Central Library cell phone booth.
- Non-alcoholic beverages are permitted in non-breakable bottles or mugs with secure lids.
- Food is not allowed in the Library except at Library-sponsored events.
- Smoking or intoxication is not permitted on library property.
- With the exception of service animals, animals are not permitted in the Library.
- The Library prohibits creation of any public disturbance including the use of obscene language; deviant, threatening, harassing, or abusive behavior, whether in general or directed at any specific person or persons; or offensive smells or sounds that constitute a nuisance.
- Gambling, solicitation, or sleeping is not permitted on library property.
- Theft, damage, alteration, or destruction of library property is a crime and will be prosecuted.
- Personal belongings are limited to two shopping bags or equivalent and may not be left unattended.
- Possession of weapons including firearms and knives is prohibited except by legal permit.

Members of the library staff will enforce this policy. Persons unable or unwilling to cease unacceptable conduct will be asked to leave. Law enforcement may be notified. The Library reserves the right to restrict access to persons who are determined to be incapable or unwilling to abide by the Library Code of Conduct.

This policy supersedes the Library Rules of Behavior and was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Library Board of Trustees on March 26, 2009.