

Disruptive/Disorderly Acts by Library Users

It is the policy of York County Libraries (YCL) to maintain a safe and orderly library setting that is conducive to study, reading, and meeting. Disruptive/Disorderly acts are those that create inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm. We request the cooperation of our members and library users in refraining from:

- 1) Leaving children under the age of eight unattended by an adult or responsible caregiver.
- 2) Fighting or aggressive/threatening behavior.
- 3) Carrying weapons or dangerous objects.
- 4) Using alcohol, illegal drugs or other chemical substances.
- 5) Smoking/E-cigarettes/vaping in the building or using tobacco products of any kind.
- 6) Public drunkenness or being under the influence of chemical substances.
- 7) Public displays of intimacy, sexual acts, or sexually harassing conduct.
- 8) Gambling, soliciting, campaigning, or distribution of inappropriate/unlawful literature on library property.
- 9) Using obscene language and/or gestures.
- 10) Using disrespectful or abusive language towards staff or library users.
- 11) Holding conversations that are too loud, whether with other library users or on a cell phone.
- 12) Destruction of Library property.
- 13) Using furniture, equipment, or facilities in a manner for which they were not intended or designed.
- 14) Modifying or moving library equipment or furnishings, including public computers.
- 15) Violating our Acceptable Use Policy for Internet access.
- 16) Playing music on personal devices or while using of library computers without personal earphones.
- 17) Consuming food or drinks while using the library's computers or electronic devices.
- 18) Sleeping, or appearing to sleep, on library property.
- 19) Failing to wear appropriate apparel, including wearing shoes, at all times on library property.
- 20) Failing to maintain adequate personal grooming or hygiene.
- 21) Littering or not disposing of trash in designated receptacles.
- 22) Leaving personal belongings unattended.
- 23) Running or "horseplay".
- 24) Using portable scooters, roller blades, or skateboards or leaving these unattended in the building.
- 25) Bringing bicycles into the building or chaining them to railings.
- 26) Taking photographs in the library without the approval of library management.
- 27) Entering areas designated as "Staff Only".
- 28) Bringing in animals other than service animals.
- 29) Failing to evacuate in an emergency or during a drill.

At times, YCL may have the need to identify a library member or user and will request that the library user remove items which conceal their identity. YCL also strictly enforces the Library Theft Act of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Failure to obey library policies and rules may lead to the loss of library privileges or disciplinary action that may result in permanent suspension from the library. When a member or library user refuses to leave our premises when asked to do so, library staff will call 911 and indicate that we have a defiant trespasser in the building.