

Carnegie Library Code of Conduct

While on library property patrons will behave in ways which show respect for themselves, for other patrons, staff and property of the library.

Behaviors that may be deemed illegal or dangers to oneself or others, or which damage library property will not be tolerated.

To ensure a quiet, learning environment is kept the library will seek, if necessary, assistance from authorized personnel.

Participation in programs and events constitutes consent to be photographed for publicity purposes.

City of Las Vegas policy prohibits registered sex offenders from using public library facilities.

We reserve the right to inspect all bags, backpacks and briefcases.



Please Show Respect By Not:

- Talking loudly, or engaging in other disruptive behavior.
- Using cell phones within the library.
- Sleeping, dozing or lying down. This rule does not apply to children under the age of six.
- Littering, damaging or vandalizing library materials, equipment or facilities.
- Removing library materials without properly checking them out.
- Abandoning, neglecting or leaving younger children unattended.
- Harassing or verbally abusing other library users or staff.
- Inappropriate touching of sexual nature, or other sexual conduct.
- Placing feet on the furniture and sitting on the arms of chairs.
- Bringing weapons into the library.
- Smoking or chewing tobacco.
- Selling, soliciting or panhandling (approaching citizens with items for sale or pleas for donations).
- Bringing bicycles into the library. Skateboards, in-line skates etc. must be carried at all times.
- Blocking an entrance, exit or aisle.
- Improperly using the restrooms, including but not limited to shaving, bathing and hair washing.
- Engaging in acts that are subject to prosecution under criminal or civil codes of law or city ordinance.
- Eating, unless participating in an event where food is provided.
- Wearing appropriate clothing and shoes.

Violations of the Library's Code of Conduct will result in the following

The offender will be given one verbal warning.

If the violation continues, the offender will be instructed to leave and will not be permitted access to the library for one week.

If the offender refuses to leave, the police will be called to remove him or her, and the offender will not be permitted access to the library for a period of one month.

If any person who has received one month suspension again violates any of the above rules, he or she will be barred from the library building/grounds for a period of one year.

Chronic offenders (those who are asked to leave the library on three separate occasions within a six month period) will be barred from the library building and grounds for a period of one year.

A written notice of eviction will be prepared in connection with any suspension from the library premises, and, if a suspended person enters before library privileges are restored, he or she will be subject to criminal prosecution for trespass.

Note: that in instances involving malicious physical or verbal violence, destruction of property, abusive language, alcohol or illegal drug use may result in immediate removal with no warning given.

Library Hours



Monday - Friday: 8 am - 5 pm

Saturday 8 am - 2 pm

Guidelines for Children Visiting the Public Library

Children are welcome and encouraged to visit Carnegie Library Public Library. Library staff are concerned with the safety and welfare of children on library property, but cannot assume the role of parent or caregiver. For these reasons the following guidelines have been developed to benefit children using library facilities.

Children Under Age Nine

A child under the age of nine must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver AND the parent/caregiver must remain in the same area of the library as the child.

NOTE: An exception is made for children attending organized library programs. These children may be in the program area without parents or caregivers; however, parents or caregivers must remain in the library facility, area.

If taking the place of a parent, a caregiver must be at least fourteen years old and must have with them emergency contact information for the child they are attending. They are encouraged to have similar information for themselves.

If a child under the age of nine is found unattended, or violates the Code of Conduct, the parent/caregiver will be informed and asked to take responsibility for the child and his or her actions.

All Children

It may be necessary to notify appropriate agencies if:

- Continued violations occur with an unattended child, or
- A child is deemed to be at risk of harm or there is reasonable suspicion of abuse or neglect of a child.

All Children During Library Hours

Children ages nine and up may use the library on their own, however, library facilities are not to be used in lieu of childcare.

If a child wishes to leave the library, the library staff cannot legally detain him or her.

Children are subject to the same rules of conduct as other library users. If an unattended child is requested to leave the premises, he or she will be encouraged to call a parent or guardian and inform them of the situation.

Some exceptions may apply.

All Children After Library Hours

It is assumed that children will not be left at the library after hours. However, it is sometimes unavoidable that:

- Libraries must close due to inclement weather or emergency situations, or
- Parents/caregivers cannot be on time to collect a child.

Library staff cannot assume responsibility for children left at the library. In such circumstances children will be given the opportunity to contact parents or caregivers to arrange for pickup. Library staff is unable to transport a child.



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Including Guidelines for Children Visiting the Public Library

Welcome to Carnegie Public Library. Our goal is to offer the best service possible to library patrons and visitors. To maintain a suitable environment each member of the public shall observe the following “Library Code of Conduct”. We ask parents and caregivers to also become familiar with and follow the “Guidelines for Children Visiting the Public Library”.

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