

CITY OF TEXAS CITY
MOORE MEMORIAL LIBRARY
RULES OF BEHAVIOR FOR LIBRARY PATRONS
(approved Nov. 18, 2009 by the Texas City Commission)

For the safety, health and comfort of all Library patrons and staff and for the protection of Library property, the following rules of behavior have been adopted by the Moore Memorial Library Board of Trustees and will be strictly enforced. Violators shall be subject to expulsion from the Library property, loss of Library privileges or reported to the Texas City Police Department for prosecution.

1. Patrons shall conform to socially acceptable hygiene and wear proper attire and shoes at all times while on Library property.
2. Food and beverages are prohibited inside the Library unless authorized by the Library Director.
- ~~3.~~ Smoking and using any other tobacco products inside the Library is prohibited.
4. Service animals for disabled persons are welcome. Other animals are prohibited inside the Library unless authorized by the Library Director.
5. Soliciting, petitioning, panhandling, advertising and political campaigning are prohibited on Library property unless authorized by the Library Director.
6. Skateboarding and roller skating are prohibited on Library property. Bicycles are prohibited inside the Library but may be stored in the bicycle rack outside the Library.
7. Cell phones may only be used in the Library lobby unless approved by the Library Director.
8. Use of any electronic equipment which requires use of an electrical outlet must be approved by the Library Director.
9. Theft, damage, misuse or defacement of Library materials, equipment, furniture, facilities, etc. is prohibited.
10. Entering nonpublic or "Staff Only" areas and sleeping or loitering on Library property are prohibited.
11. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied and supervised by someone at least fourteen years of age. Library staff will not provide supervisory care and are not responsible for the safety and behavior of children. Disruptive children shall be expelled from the Library.
12. Patrons are expected to be courteous and respectful to staff and other patrons at all times. Abusive or obscene language or gestures, verbal or physical threats or harassments, any form of stalking, offensive touching, staring, or obscene acts or any disruptive behavior including but not limited to loud talking, laughing or noises of any kind, throwing objects, fighting, spitting, horse playing, etc. are prohibited.
13. Standing, climbing, playing, laying, etc. on Library furniture, counters, shelving or fixtures are prohibited.
14. Using the public restrooms for bathing, changing clothes, etc. is prohibited. Intentionally soiling the restrooms is also prohibited.
15. Refusing to cooperate or comply with staff's instructions or enforcement of these rules is prohibited. Patrons must obey all approved library policies.

The Director of Library Services or his/her designee reserves the right to make changes to any library policy or procedure as the need arises for health, safety and public interest concerns.