

SPOKANE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

POLICY: CODE OF CONDUCT

APPROVAL DATE: 5/18/1995

REVISION DATE: 12/21/2021

RELATED POLICIES:

Access to Library Services
Children's Safety in Libraries
Computer, Wireless Network and Internet Use
Facility Use for Political Purposes
Library Meeting Room Use

STATUTORY REFERENCES:

RCW 27.12.270
RCW 27.12.290
RCW 69.50
RCW 70.160.075

OTHER REFERENCES:

Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health Resolution #16-01

Purpose:

Defines conduct expectations for customers when using Spokane County Library District facilities.

Background:

Spokane County Library District (District) is supported by tax paid by District property owners, who expect our facilities to be clean, comfortable, and safe places for selecting materials, reading, researching, studying, writing, and attending virtual or in-person programs and meetings. Furthermore, the District Board of Trustees recognizes that within the District's service area there are individuals and groups with diverse interests, backgrounds, ages, life experiences, and information needs, and that the District was created to serve all people within the communities it serves. As part of its normal and regular conduct of its mission, the District is responsible for establishing a code of conduct to protect the rights and safety of customers, volunteers, and staff, and for preserving and protecting the District's materials, equipment, facilities, and grounds.

District staff and/or local law enforcement officers may intervene to stop prohibited activities and behaviors. Failure to comply with the District's established policies, rules, and regulations could result in notice and removal from the premises and exclusion from District facilities, or in arrest by law enforcement and prosecution. Violations could also result in notice and restriction and/or termination of access to library services, including the use of library computers and other equipment.

For the purposes of this policy, "library facility" or "facility" refers to all buildings, properties, and vehicles owned and/or managed by the District.

POLICY:

The following behaviors and activities are not allowed:

- Any activity that unreasonably interferes with others' use and enjoyment of the library facility or with the functions of District staff, including but not limited to:
 - Use of hostile, aggressive, or vulgar language or gestures.
 - Persistent uninvited or unwelcomed conversations with others.

