

## For the comfort and safety of all our customers:

### PERSONAL BELONGINGS:

The library reserves the right to inspect personal belongings brought into the library.

The maximum size of personal belongings allowed in the library is 9" x 16" x 22" (1.8 cubic feet).

Customers should keep their belongings with them at all times. The library is not responsible for personal belongings and may search or dispose of unattended items.

Personal belongings may not be stored in the lobby, stairwells, offices, meeting rooms, etc.

### BICYCLES:

A bicycle rack is located outside of the front entrance to the library.

Bicycles may not be left on the walkways into the building, chained to railings at the entry or brought inside the library.

### SURVEILLIANCE:

The Library uses video surveillance cameras in order to deter theft, facilitate in identifying person(s) who behave in a disruptive manner, cause damage to library property, and / or are in violation of the Code of Conduct.

# Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative

## Code of Conduct



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The Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library is supported by the taxes of the citizens of Hillsborough County who expect libraries to be clean, pleasant, and safe places. This Code of Conduct is intended to provide library customers a safe environment for the use and enjoyment of library materials and services.

## Unacceptable library behaviors include:

Actions or behaviors that interfere with the operations of the Library.

Refusal to follow the direction of staff.

Illegal activity.

Bringing weapons into the library unless authorized by law. It is incumbent upon those in possession to abide by all applicable concealed weapons laws.

Possessing, consuming or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.

Violation of an active trespass warrant.

Bringing animals into the library with the exception of service animals as defined by Florida Statute 413.08.

Harassing, intimidating, stalking or prolonged staring at other customers or staff.

Verbal or physical abuse or harassment of library customers or staff.

Loud, boisterous, disruptive or any other behavior that can reasonably be expected to disturb others (*for example, electronic devices and loud talking.*)

Damaging, destroying or removing library materials without proper check out.

Abusing, vandalizing or misusing library property including placing feet on furniture.

Sexual activity.

Bathing, shaving, washing clothes or other inappropriate use of restrooms.

Bodily hygiene that is offensive as to constitute a nuisance or health risk to others.

Drinking beverages in open containers or at library computer stations.

Eating food other than dry snacks in non-designated areas or at library computer stations.

Inappropriate attire; Shirts and shoes are required.

Loitering.

Misuse of computers or other library equipment. (See LS 306, Access to Electronic Resources.)

Unauthorized selling or soliciting.

Skateboarding, roller skating or any similar activity.

Sleeping.

Smoking, including smokeless or e-cigarettes (“vaping”) or other use of tobacco products.

Any other actions or behaviors deemed inappropriate by library staff.

Compliance with the Code of Conduct allows for continued use of the library. Those willing to modify their behavior can continue to utilize services; those unwilling to comply will be asked to leave so that others are able to have an enjoyable experience.