



Nevada Public Library Conduct Policy

In order to provide an atmosphere conducive to the appropriate use of Nevada Public Library (NPL) services and facilities, customers are required to comply with this policy while on NPL property. NPL property includes building, entryways, sidewalks, parking lots, and surrounding grounds, unless otherwise noted.

Children under the age of 8 must be supervised by an adult.

Nevada Public Library supports the rights of all individuals to:

- Use the library without discrimination
- Receive friendly, courteous and respectful service
- Have free and equal access to information
- Have a clean, comfortable and pleasant environment
- Use the library undisturbed without threat of harm, invasion of privacy, or interference.

Libraries are for everyone's enjoyment. The following guidelines for customer conduct shall be observed and are essential to ensure respect for individuals who use the Library's facilities:

Audio Equipment: Playing audio equipment should be kept low so that others cannot hear it.

Cell Phones: As a courtesy to other Library users, cell phones and pagers should be kept on vibrate or silent mode and answered promptly. Calls should be taken outside or in the lobby area. Cell phone use is prohibited in during classes or programs.

Children: Children, under age 8, should be under the observation of an adult at all times. Young children & babies may become fussy or loud (*a normal part of childhood*) and you may be asked to leave the main area of the library until your child is calm and less disruptive to others using the library.

Clothing: Appropriate clothing must be worn in the Library. Shirt, pants, and shoes must be worn in the library. No swim suits.

Disturbances: Creating a disturbance that disrupts or interferes with the normal operation of the Library, or disrupts Library customers and staff, including, but not limited to the use of abusive or threatening language or gestures, conduct that creates unreasonable noise or conduct that consists of loud or boisterous behavior or talking is not allowed.

Food and Drink: In order to create a welcoming atmosphere, eating and drinking, if done responsibly, is allowed throughout the building when seated at tables. Beverages are not allowed near the computer areas.

Interference: Interfering with another person's right to use the Library or with the Library staff's performance of their duties is not allowed.

Loitering: Customers are required to be engaged in activities associated with the use of the Library while in the building. Customers not engaged in reading, studying, computer use or using library materials may be asked to leave the building. In general, the determining factor will be whether the offending party prevents others from enjoying the Library.

Tobacco: Smoking is prohibited in the Library & entryways.

The following actions are prohibited.

Failure to comply with NPL's established rules and regulations may result in permanent expulsion from the property and/or in arrest and prosecution:

- Any behavior that is disruptive to NPL customers or staff.
- Any other conduct that violates Federal, State, or local law, ordinance, regulation, or NPL policy.
- Selling and soliciting services, money, or items.
- Carrying weapons of any type.
- Theft or damage of library materials.
- Soliciting patrons to sign petitions or give patrons information on various viewpoints unless at least 25 feet away from NPL entrances. (Solicitors may not approach patrons, but may display signs on cars or tables and make themselves available for inquiry outside the 25-foot limit.)
- Trespassing on NPL property before or after business hours.
- Violation of NPL Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources Policy.
- Distributing unapproved print materials/literature.
- Possessing, consuming or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Smoking in NPL buildings or entryways.
- Consuming food unless associated with NPL programs; or consuming beverages near computers.
- Sleeping and/or misusing or rearranging NPL furniture.
- Not wearing shoes or shirt; or wearing clothing deemed offensive.
- Bringing animals into NPL building other than assistance animals.
- Leaving any person in need of transportation, including a child, at any NPL facility after closing time in accordance with the NPL closing procedure.
- Misuse of restrooms. No changing of clothes, shaving, or bathing is allowed.