
Patron Code of Conduct

The staff at the City of Sundown Library hope that the people who use our library will find the facilities a welcoming place to be. We expect visitors to respect others, to respect our property, to make safety a priority, and to obey the law. Visitors may be asked to leave the library temporarily or permanently if their behavior is in breach of our rules.

Respect others

- Don't yell and please take long phone calls outside.
- Be aware of things you are doing that are disturbing people around you, like making excess noise, swearing, or taking up more than your fair share of space.
- Keep aisles clear.
- Keep your belongings close to you.
- No inappropriate displays of affection.
- No excessive sleeping on floors or furniture.
- No displays of offensive materials on library computers.
- No commercial solicitation or panhandling.
- No selling products or political campaigning unless part of a formal library program.
- No posting or handing out of flyers without staff approval.
- No harassment of others, including correcting others' behavior.
- No possessing, being under the influence of, or using alcohol or controlled substances on library premises.
- No strong odors (caused by either poor personal hygiene or excessive use of perfume or cologne) that are offensive to a person of normal sensibilities.

Respect property

- Smoking is only allowed in your personal vehicle.

- Only covered/bottled drinks within library. Quiet snacks preferred. If you make a mess, please clean it up.
- ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD OR DRINKS in the GAMING LOUNGE.
- Handle materials with care.
- Use equipment and furniture properly. Cameras in use. You will be responsible for any damages.

Stay safe

- All children are the responsibility of their parents, not of the library.
- Please see the Code of Conduct for expected behaviors.
- Service animals must be properly identified as a working animal and must be under control.
- No running, climbing, or throwing things.

Obey the law

- Public lewdness – TX Penal Code 21.07 and 21.08
- Destruction of library property – TX Penal Code 28
- Criminal Trespass – TX Penal Code 30.05
- Theft of library, staff or customer property – TX Penal Code 31.03
- Reckless display of harmful or obscene content – TX Penal Code 43.22 and 43.24
- Unlawfully carrying or displaying weapons – TX Penal Code 46.02
- Making offensive gestures, cursing or using obscene, abusive, profane, or threatening language – TX Penal Code 42.01
- Voyeurism and peeping – TX Penal Code 42.01 (a) (11) (c)
- Making bomb threats against library property or from library property – TX Penal Code 42.06
- Child abuse – TX Family Code 261
- Copyright Title 17, U.S. Code

Individuals failing to leave when requested by library or law enforcement officers may be charged with criminal trespass under Texas Penal Code 30.05. Criminal activities that occur on library property will be reported to law enforcement. In most situations, a customer banned from the library may appeal the ban to the City Administrator.