

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Palos Verdes Library District and its staff are committed to providing a safe, comfortable, and pleasant atmosphere on its premises for all persons. Patrons shall observe the following Code of Conduct:

1. All interactions with people in the library must be conducted in a courteous and respectful manner. Verbal and physical harassment of anyone is not permitted.
2. Patrons must comply with all Palos Verdes Library District policies and posted guidelines.
3. Behavior that interferes with others' use of the library, that creates a visual or auditory nuisance, or that is unsafe is not allowed. Roughhousing and intimate displays of affection are not permitted.
4. Smoking and vaping are not allowed on library property. Smoking refers to the use of traditional tobacco products and marijuana. Vaping refers to the use of electronic smoking devices. The use of any other device that produces smoke, fumes or vapors is prohibited.
5. Noise should be minimized and kept to an appropriate level so that it does not interfere with the use of the library by others. Talking, whispering, or making noise that is audible to others is prohibited in any designated quiet zone. Cellular phones may be used except in designated quiet zones.
6. Beverages (non-alcoholic) in covered containers and food may be consumed in the library unless otherwise posted. Exceptions are at the computer workstations where only beverages in covered containers are allowed, and in the Local History Room where no food or beverages are allowed. Patrons are expected to clean up after themselves and to dispose of their trash in the appropriate receptacles.
7. Roller skates, rollerblades, skateboards, hover boards, scooters, and aerial drones may not be used in the library or on library premises.
8. Personal property may not be placed in aisles, walkways or seating areas so as not to create a hazard or an obstruction to the pathways or seating of others.
9. Any person responsible for an odor that disturbs a reasonable person and which impairs the ability of others to use the library shall be required to leave the building.
10. No animals shall be permitted in the building except for service animals or animals used in library programs.
11. Weapons are not permitted in the library or on library premises.
12. The library is not responsible for the care of unattended children. Children aged nine or under must be adequately supervised by a responsible person in accordance with Palos Verdes Library District's Policy on Unattended Children (5020.5).
13. Selling, panhandling, or soliciting, or any combination of these activities, are not allowed inside PVLD facilities or within 25 feet of entrances except in accordance with PVLD Policy No. 6080.0 (Sale of Items on PVLD Premises) and Policy No. 6090.0 (Uses Related to Political Issues).
14. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on Palos Verdes Library District property unless by consent of the District Director.
15. Illegal activity is expressly prohibited.