

Morgantown Public Library System  
Library Public Code of Conduct

The purpose of the library's Public Code of Conduct is to:

- Protect the rights of individuals using library services.
- Assist staff members in conducting library business effectively.
- Preserve library materials and facilities.

Acceptable library behavior falls into three categories:

RESPECT YOURSELF

- Behavior, dress and personal hygiene must be appropriate for a public place of business.

RESPECT OTHERS

- Behavior that restricts library use by other patrons is not acceptable.
- Behavior that interferes with the duties of the library staff is not acceptable.
- Weapons are not allowed in the library, except those carried by law enforcement officers.

RESPECT THE SPACE

- Patrons must treat library materials, furniture and equipment with care and use them as intended.
- Patrons may not enter non-public work areas unless escorted by library staff.
- Theft or damage of materials, furnishing, equipment or premises will not be tolerated.

Activities that would be a violation of any federal, state or local criminal statute or ordinance are prohibited.

As a consequence for violating this code, library staff may:

- Require violators to leave the premises.
- Call the police.
- Recommend the director bar a patron from the library.

