

Patron Behavior and Rules of Conduct

The Salt Lake City Public Library is open to everyone; all are welcome to use the Library's services and resources. Everyone is expected to behave in a way that does not unreasonably interfere with others' use of the Library.

The Library's Rules of Conduct are intended to maintain a considerate and orderly atmosphere, preserve easy access to Library services and resources, and to protect Library property. People who willfully violate these rules are subject to exclusion from the Library; egregious violations may result in immediate exclusion or in a longer exclusion than indicated in these guidelines.

Individuals who repeatedly violate these Rules of Conduct after having been previously excluded for Library rule violations may face a longer exclusion than indicated in these guidelines. Repeat offenders need not violate the same rule to be subject to stricter enforcement and may not be warned that their behavior is inappropriate before being excluded.

RULES OF CONDUCT

Any person who violates rules 1–5 while on Library premises will be immediately ejected and excluded from all Salt Lake City Public Libraries without first being given a warning. Any person so excluded shall lose all Library privileges for a period of up to three years, and the incident will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

1. Committing or attempting to commit any activity that violates any federal, state, or local criminal statute or ordinance.
2. Directing a specific threat of physical harm against an individual, group of individuals, or property.
3. Engaging in sexual conduct or lewd behavior.
4. Possessing, selling, distributing, consuming, or being under the influence of any controlled substance or alcohol.
5. Damaging, defacing, or destroying Library property.

Any person who violates rules 6–19 while on Library premises will be asked to leave for the day. Subsequent offenses will result in that person's immediate ejection and exclusion from all Salt Lake City Public Library premises for a period of up to one year.

6. Engaging in conduct that disrupts or interferes with the normal operation of the Library, disturbs Library staff or patrons, including but not limited to, conduct that creates unreasonable noise or consists of loud or boisterous physical behavior or talking.
7. Using foul, abusive, or threatening language or gestures.
8. Using Library materials, equipment, furniture, fixtures, or buildings in a manner inconsistent with customary use.
9. Disobeying the reasonable direction of a Library staff member or Library security officer.
10. Soliciting, petitioning, or distributing written materials or canvassing for political, charitable, monetary, or religious purposes inside a Library building. See the Library's Petitions policy (MTG3).
11. Leaving personal belongings unattended.



12. Any interference with the free passage of Library staff or patrons on Library premises, including, but not limited to, placing objects such as bicycles, skateboards, backpacks, or other items in a manner that interferes with free passage or negatively affects the orderly atmosphere of the Library.
13. Bringing prohibited items into the Library, including but not limited to bicycles, shopping carts, or similar devices.
14. Operating roller skates, skateboards, or similar devices on Library premises.
15. Smoking or other tobacco use, including cigarette rolling and use of electronic vapor devices.
16. Eating outside of designated areas or possessing uncovered food or drinks.
17. Bringing non-service animals or animals not for the express intention of Library programming into Library buildings. Similarly, leaving animals unattended outside the Library in a way that impedes others' access to the Library.
18. Violating the Library's Internet Access Policy (REF10).
19. Improperly using Library restrooms, including but not limited to, bathing, shaving, changing clothes, and unreasonable length of use. Attending to medical issues must be done in a private and hygienic manner.

Any person who violates rules 20–23 while on Library premises may be asked to leave for the day. Subsequent offenses by that person will result in that person's immediate ejection and exclusion from all Salt Lake City Public Library premises for a period of up to six months.

20. Lying down, sleeping, or appearing to sleep inside the Library or on Library grounds, unless invited to do so in a Library sponsored program.
21. Using personal electronic equipment at a volume that disturbs others.
22. Leaving children under the age of eight unattended.
23. Neglecting to provide proper supervision of children in your care.

Any person who violates rules 24 or 25 while on Library premises will be excluded from the premises until the problem is corrected.

24. Shoes and a shirt must be worn in Library buildings. Clothing must cover underwear and private body parts. An exception is made for breastfeeding.
25. Having offensive body odor or personal hygiene that unreasonably interferes with other patrons' ability to use the Library.

Limits to Amount of Items Brought Into the Library (E5.1)

Individuals may bring with them:

- two medium items (24" x 20" x 15")
or one large item (36" x 22" x 15"), and
- one personal item, such as a purse or briefcase.

Items must be appropriately packed and carried in a single trip. Wheeled devices such as dollies and grocery shopping carts are not allowed. Personal shopping carts and their contents must not exceed 36" in height.

Main Library

210 East 400 South
801-524-8200

Glendale Branch

1375 South Concord
801-594-8660

Sprague Branch

2131 South 1100 East
801-594-8640

Anderson-Foothill Branch

1135 South 2100 East
801-594-8611

Day-Riverside Branch

1575 West 1000 North
801-594-8632

Sweet Branch

455 F Street
801-594-8651

Chapman Branch

577 South 900 West
801-594-8623

Marmalade Branch

280 West 500 North
801-594-8680

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