

Ely Public Library Rules of Conduct

The Ely Public Library Board wants the library's physical space to be a safe, comfortable place for people to visit. To help all patrons enjoy the library and use its resources, patrons are asked to follow the rules on the list below.

If these rules are not followed, patrons will receive one verbal warning from library staff. If a patron continues the behavior after a verbal warning, they will be asked to leave for the remainder of the day and/or the police may be called to assist staff in dealing with the problem. If a patron repeatedly breaks the library rules, they may be asked to leave the library for a period longer than one day.

1. Conversation that is above an acceptable noise level or is disturbing to other patrons or library staff is prohibited.
2. Cell phones and other electronic communication devices must be silenced.
3. Running in the library is not permitted.
4. Harassing others, either verbally or through actions, is prohibited.
5. Fighting is prohibited.
6. Smoking in the library is illegal.
7. The possession and consumption of alcohol and other controlled substances are prohibited on the library property.
8. Solicitation, fundraising, campaigning, lobbying and proselytizing are prohibited on library property.
9. Animals are not permitted in the library, except those licensed as aides for people with disabilities or those present as part of a library related program.
10. Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times in the library.
11. Roller skates, roller blades, skateboards, and similar recreational equipment may not be used on the library property.
12. Shaving, bathing or laundering clothes in the public restrooms is prohibited.
13. Patrons whose bodily hygiene constitutes a nuisance to others will be required to leave the library and remedy the hygiene problem before returning to the library.
14. Sleeping for an extended period of time is prohibited.
15. Firearms, whether concealed or openly carried, are prohibited on library property. The only exceptions to this rule are firearms carried by sworn, law enforcement officers.
16. Patrons may not misuse, damage, or deface the restrooms or any part of the library.
17. Patrons should not interfere with another person's use of the library or with the library personnel's performance of their duties.
18. Inappropriate behavior is prohibited.
19. Patrons are not to disobey the reasonable direction of library staff member or a security officer.
20. Violating the library's rules for Ely Public Library Internet Policy is not allowed.