

Rules of Conduct

Yankton Community Library (YCL) strives to maintain a safe, inviting, comfortable, clean environment for all library users. The Rules of Conduct are enforced on all YCL property, inclusive of the interior facilities, grounds and parking lot. All library users are expected to behave in a civil, respectful manner to staff and other library users.

Conduct not allowed on library property:

1. Verbally, physically, or sexually threatening or harassing other users, volunteers, or staff, including stalking, loitering, offensive touching and obscene acts such as sex acts and indecent exposure.
2. Inappropriate use of grounds, furniture or equipment.
3. Illegal activities.
4. Being in the Library without shoes or a shirt, or being otherwise attired to be disruptive to the Library environment.
5. Offensive body odor.
6. Excessive loudness, extreme outbursts or disruptive noises.
7. Not actively supervising children in your care (refer to the Unattended Child Policy).
8. Abuse of Library rules/policies or general loitering.
9. Using wheeled devices in the Library including skateboards, skates, bikes, scooters (except for baby strollers and ADA-assistive devices; e.g., wheelchairs).
10. Smoking, chewing and other tobacco or nicotine product use including vaping and e-cigarettes.
11. Being under the influence of alcohol/illegal drugs, and selling, using, or possessing alcohol/illegal drugs.
12. Lying down or sleeping.
13. Blocking aisles, exits, or entrances.
14. Leaving possessions unattended.
15. Bringing pets or animals, other than service animals necessary for disabilities or involved in preapproved Library programming into the Library. Animals in the Library must not be disruptive or aggressive.
16. Trespassing in non-public areas or being in the Library without permission of an authorized Library employee before or after Library hours.

Food and Beverages

Beverages in containers with lids are permitted in all areas of the Library. Food items must be consumed in seating areas and are not permitted near computers or library materials. Trash should be disposed of properly.

Cell phones and personal devices

These items should be set to silent/vibrate when in the library. Headphones/earbuds should be used if viewing videos or playing games. Phone conversations should be short and discreet or taken outside of the library.

Library staff has the authority and responsibility to enforce these rules as they see fit. Enforcement of these rules will be conducted in a fair and reasonable manner. Local law enforcement may be called if patrons are abusive or unresponsive to the restrictions prescribed by staff on a per incident basis. Repeated violations of these Rules of Conduct may result in a notice of "no trespass". Noncompliance with this policy will result in revocation of computer privileges and/or Library use privileges. Illegal use may be subject to prosecution. If a patron feels that they were wrongly banned from computer or library privileges, they may request to be added to the agenda of the next regularly scheduled Library Board meeting. There they may present a letter explaining why they feel the decision was wrong and asking the Board to reverse the ban. The Board will then decide on whether or not to uphold the ban based on a majority vote of the quorum.