

LIBRARY USE POLICY

The Napa County Library makes every effort to maintain an environment that maximizes each patron's use and enjoyment of library services and to provide a comfortable and safe environment for all library patrons and staff.

The Library Director and designated staff are authorized to interpret these rules in accordance with applicable law and to ensure appropriate behavior of all persons in the library facilities. Individuals who fail to comply with these rules may be excluded from the library and/or subject to arrest and prosecution.

All Napa County Library locations and properties are smoke free campuses to minimize health risk and enhance the environment in all facilities and grounds.

Be considerate of others while using the library.

Maintaining a Safe Library Environment:

1. Any behavior that is dangerous to person or property is not permitted.
2. Weapons of any kind are prohibited on library property.
3. Children under the age of eight must be attended by an adult at all times.
4. The children's areas are intended to be used by children and adults accompanying children or working with children's materials.
5. Carts, bicycles, or similar bulky articles may not be brought into the library building or left unattended on library property.
6. Unauthorized photography, regardless of the device used, is not permitted.

Maintaining an Environment Conducive to Library Use:

1. Any behavior that interferes with another person's ability to use the library is prohibited. *This includes, but is not limited to; emitting noxious odors, harassing, verbal abusing, threats or repeated unwelcome advances toward library users and staff or any other activity that disturbs others are prohibited.*
2. Using electronic devices in a manner that disturbs others is prohibited.
3. Conducting any type of business for monetary gain is prohibited.
4. Food may not be consumed in the library, except as defined in the Community Meeting Room Policy. Water bottles with lids and other closed containers for liquids are allowed.
5. Defacing library materials or other library property is against the law. (California Penal Code Section 594).
6. Violating the library's Internet & Electronic Information Use Policy or other library policies is prohibited.
7. Use of public rest rooms for bathing and/or laundry, and use of other public areas for personal grooming is not allowed.
8. Shoes and shirt must be worn while on library premises.
9. Sleeping is not permitted on library premises.

10. Bringing animals into the library, other than those service animals assisting people with disabilities, is prohibited.

UNATTENDED CHILD

Napa County Library welcomes children of all ages. Our libraries are public buildings. Any public place may be dangerous for a child who is left unattended even for brief periods of time. Parents and other caregivers are solely responsible for the welfare and the behavior of children using the library. Children under eight years old must be supervised by a responsible caregiver at all times while they are in the library. A child left alone at the library without a responsible caregiver may become bored or frightened. If a child under the age of eight is found to be unattended in any area of the library (or an unattended child eight or older is found frightened, crying, being disruptive or in distress), staff will attempt to locate the child's caregiver. If library staff cannot find the child's parent or caregiver, law enforcement will be notified and asked to assume care of the child.