

DeKalb Public Library Code of Conduct

The DeKalb Public Library provides access to all residents and visitors through its collections, programs, facilities and resources. We strive to serve our patrons effectively by providing a welcoming and safe environment. We ask that patrons help us to maintain an atmosphere that is conducive to learning and community engagement by following our policies, including our Code of Conduct.

Approved by the DeKalb Public Library Board of Trustees 08/2026

Please do:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Wear shoes and a shirt.✓ Keep your personal items with you.✓ Listen to audible devices only while using headphones.✓ Check out any materials you wish to take home.✓ Keep your drink covered with a lid.✓ Have non-messy, odor-free snacks in designated areas only. Messy, sticky, or smelly food, hot food, and full meals are not allowed.✓ Bring your trained service animal with you. Untrained service animals and pets are not allowed. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Use library space, furniture, equipment, and materials only as intended.✓ Remain in public areas.✓ Stay awake and alert.✓ Leave weapons at home. Only sworn law enforcement officers may be in possession of weapons at the library.✓ Supervise children and vulnerable adults:
Children aged 0-7: Caregiver aged 14+ must be in sight of the child. Children aged 8-10: Caregiver aged 14+ must be in the library. Children 11-17: Must provide adult guardian information if asked. |
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Please do not:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ Use loud, abusive, or profane language.✗ Solicit, distribute leaflets, or post notices.✗ Engage in disruptive or unsafe behavior, including horseplay.✗ Make sexual comments or gestures or engage in sexual activity.✗ Harass library patrons or staff including intimidating, annoying, following, photographing, or staring.✗ Use areas of the library or attend programs designated for children or teens without a need to access those collections or while accompanied by a child or teen. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ Bathe, shave, or wash clothes.✗ Drink alcohol or be visibly intoxicated.✗ Smoke, vape, or use tobacco, marijuana, or other drugs.✗ Use incendiary items such as vapes, lighters or matches.✗ Enter the library with hygiene conditions or unsanitary belongings that interfere with the use of the library by other patrons or staff.✗ Engage in any other behavior that violates other library policies, or that interferes with the use or operations of the library by patrons or staff. |
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We ask patrons to follow all DeKalb Public Library policies and guidelines and to abide by any reasonable request from staff regarding disorderly or disruptive behavior. Failure to do so may result in removal from the facility and/or suspension of library privileges. Illegal activity may result in arrest.

To appeal a suspension, a request must be made in writing to the Director within ten (10) business days of receipt of the notice of violation. The written appeal will be reviewed within ten (10) business days of receipt of the request for an appeal. The suspension of privileges will remain in force during the review period.