

## **Woodland Public Library Rules and Regulations Governing Public Behavior**

**Woodland Public Library is committed to promoting and maintaining a safe, pleasant, and efficient environment for the public and staff. Patrons can help maintain a harmonious and safe library for all by complying with the following rules and regulations:**

1. Respect the rights and privileges of all other Library users.
2. Talk in quiet tones and low voices.
3. Refrain from improper conduct. Conduct is regarded as improper if it includes one or more of the following, all of which are violations of criminal or civil codes of law. (Please ask at the desk for the complete text of the codes):
  - a. Creating a public disturbance
  - b. Obscene and/or abusive language, verbal or written
  - c. Mutilating, damaging or defacing any books, map, chart, picture, engraving, manuscript, cassette, or other Library property
  - d. Sexual acts
  - e. Smoking in or on library grounds
  - f. Gambling
  - g. Playing a portable audio device without headphones
  - h. Loitering on Library premises, such as sitting or standing idly about, sleeping, or lingering aimlessly.
  - i. Use of alcohol, narcotics, tobacco, e-cigarettes, and/or hallucinogens on Library premises.
  - j. Soliciting or panhandling
  - k. Physical or verbal harassment or abuse of Library users or staff.
4. Maintain an acceptable standard of personal hygiene. Unpleasant body odor which substantially interferes with the use and enjoyment of the Library by other patrons or with the ability of staff to work is unacceptable. Shirts and shoes are required.
5. Keep food and drink outside the Library except for bottled water in a secure container.
6. Make sure that all Library materials are checked out before removing them from the premises.
7. Personal property brought into the library is subject to the following:
  - a. Items inappropriate to Library use, including but not limited to bicycles, wagons, shopping carts, luggage, large grocery bags, large trash bags, bedrolls, and strollers without children are not allowed in the Library.
  - b. Personal possessions must not take up seating or space needed by others.
  - c. Personal possessions such as grocery bags, trash bags, backpacks, bedrolls, shopping bags, and luggage left outside the Library are subject to disposal.
  - d. The Library is not responsible for personal belongings left unattended.
8. Leave bicycles, shopping carts, skateboards, or other wheeled conveyances off Library grounds, with the exception of wheelchairs and baby strollers/carriages being used to transport persons. A bicycle rack is provided outside the Library.
9. Skateboarding is not allowed on Library premises, and signage is posted to indicate such.
10. Stay with your children or keep them with you. A responsible adult, older sibling, or babysitter must accompany any child under the age of seven.
11. Only service animals are allowed in the Library.

The Library Director and his/her 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. Patrons not complying with the above rules and regulations will be requested to leave the premises and /or risk suspension of their Library privileges.