

Delta County Public Library District (DCPLD)

*“Serving and Empowering People
Providing Resources for Life, Leisure and Learning”*

Delta County Libraries Code of Conduct

DCPLD is committed to providing a secure, clean and supportive environment for use of their resources and services. Therefore, the Library has established the following Code of Conduct to protect the rights and safety of library patrons, volunteers, and staff, and to preserve library materials, equipment, and facilities. The Library Board authorizes staff to enforce the Code of Conduct, which includes the possibility of temporary or permanent removal of library users who are disruptive or dangerous. The following behaviors and actions are examples of conduct not allowed on Library property.

Conduct that violates local, state, and federal statutes

Conduct that violates the Acceptable Use of the Library Policy

Conduct that disturbs others or interferes with any person’s comfort and safety

- Being disruptive, disorderly, using profanity or abusive language, stalking, verbally or physically threatening or harassing patrons, staff or volunteers.
- Loitering, sleeping or otherwise remaining on Library property for purposes other than the use of its resources and services.
- Monopolizing space, seating, tables or equipment to the exclusion of others.
- Using cell phones or other devices in a loud or disturbing manner.
- Non-compliance of the Library’s Internet Use Policy.
- Soliciting, panhandling, or distributing materials or political campaigning.
- Use of alcohol or illegal substances on Library property.
- Smoking, vaping or use of tobacco products within 15 feet of Library entrance.
- Leaving valuable or personal items unattended.

Conduct towards library property and facilities

- Stealing, destroying, defacing or abusing Library facilities or property.
- Interfering with the access or use of the Library facilities by others.
- Skateboarding or any wheeled activity; bicycles must be parked in provided outdoor racks.

Conduct relating to health and hygiene

- Having offensive body odor; visible presence of pests on person, belongings or library materials.
- Using the library as a place to bathe or wash personal items.
- Entering the premises without wearing shirt or shoes.
- Bringing animals other than certified service animals into the library

Conduct relating to children

- Leaving children under six years of age unattended. Refer to the DCPLD Unattended Children Policy.
- Use of areas designated for youth by adults without legitimate need to use resources in those areas.
- Attempting to solicit inappropriate interaction with any minors by adults.

The Library is not responsible for lost or stolen items.