

## PATRON CODE OF CONDUCT

The Dunedin Public Library strives to be a welcoming and inviting library for all patrons. The following rules are set in place to ensure the rights of library patrons to enjoy a safe environment and that the library is used for the general purposes for which it is intended.

## THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE LIBRARY:

- eating except in outside areas and front lobby area (beverages may be brought into the library only in containers with appropriate lids; no drinks by the computers).
- use of skates, skate boards, scooters, bicycles or any recreational conveyance
- alcohol, drugs, smoking, or chewing of tobacco
- not wearing shirts or shoes
- bringing non-service animals into the Library
- playing audio equipment so that others may hear it
- leaving personal belongings unattended or obstructing aisles or seating
- sleeping or loitering
- misusing the restrooms (i.e. using as a laundry or washing facility)
- leaving a child under the age of 10 unattended in the Library
- talking loudly, making noise or engaging in other disruptive conduct
- solicitation/selling items in the Library or on Library grounds, unless it is a library sanctioned event
- damaging, defacing or misuse of Library property, including computers; stealing Library materials
- Disrupting or interfering with other patrons' usage of library, including physically harm or threatening/harassing staff or patrons

## <u>Cellphone use is permitted, but must be at or below normal conversation levels;</u> <u>cellphones may not be used in the designated computer area or the Reading Room.</u>

The Library's computers may not be used to make any unauthorized entry into any other computer or network, and may not disrupt or interfere with other computer or network users, services or equipment. Intentional disruption of the operation of computer systems and networks is a violation of Florida Statute 815.05

The library reserves the right to require anyone violating the Patron Code of Conduct to leave the library. Serious or repeated misconduct may lead to suspension of library privileges, being trespassed, legal action, or criminal prosecution.