



Burlingame Public Library
Behavior Policy

Please respect the rights of others to study and read quietly, find materials in good condition and to feel safe and secure.

The following activities are not permitted:

- Entering the library barefoot and/or without a shirt.
- Bringing food, uncovered drinks or animals into the library. Only service animals are permitted in the library.
- Disturbing others: cell phones, loud talking, loud headphones, other noisy activity, running, pushing, shoving, climbing, throwing objects, sleeping, and offensive odor.
- Verbally or physically threatening or harassing other patrons and library staff, including stalking, staring, touching, or using offensive language.
- Lying down or sleeping on any floor, table, or seat in the library; putting feet on library furniture or misusing library furniture. Moving furnishings and/or equipment.
- Blocking of any doors, porches, stairs, aisles or other entrances or exits to the library building. Interfering with the safe and free passage of library staff or patrons, including but not limited to the placement of objects in hallways, aisles, flooring or elsewhere with personal items, big boxes or bulky items or leaving such items unattended. Items may be removed from the premises if they reasonably appear abandoned.
- Bringing large objects such as shopping carts, luggage, bicycles, etc. into the library (*Wheelchairs, walkers, and infant strollers are allowed only when used as a conveyance for a person.*)
- Using library facilities for purposes other than those normally associated with a library (*for example, bathing or washing clothes*).
- Activity that unreasonably interferes with others use and enjoyment of the library or with the functioning of library staff.
- Leaving young children unattended.
- Sexual misconduct.
- Smoking within the library or within 20 feet of a library entrance (*including e-cigarettes*).
- Soliciting (e.g., sales, canvassing); conducting surveys, petitions, or distribution of materials within library buildings; and panhandling or soliciting for sale or charity in library buildings, porch, stairs and entrances.
- Behavior that is illegal or inappropriate.

Libraries are public places where each person is responsible for his/her safety, the safety of children in their care, and the security of personal belongings. Violations of any of the posted policy may warrant exclusion from the library. Library staff will summon the police for non-compliance of posted policy.