

## **7.0 Rules of Conduct**

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#### Statement of Purpose:

In order to provide a safe environment which promotes the enjoyment and full utilization of the Tulare Public Library, customers must adhere to the following policy:

Any person who engages in the below behavior will be given one warning (per day) by the library staff to cease such conduct. Failure to obey may result in suspension from the library.

- Using cell phones, pagers, and other communication devices in a manner that disturbs others
- Bringing animals, other than service animals, into the library
- Loud talking, or engaging in noisy or boisterous activities that interfere with or are disruptive to other patrons' use of the library (e.g. crying children, yelling, screaming)
- Leaving children unattended anywhere on the library premises if they cannot care for themselves or if such children interfere with or disrupt other patrons' use of the library (Please see the library's [Child Safety Policy](#))
- Leaving personal belongings unattended on library grounds, either inside or outside. The library is not responsible for loss, damage, or theft.
- Soliciting opinions/money, giving speeches, or requesting customers to fill out surveys
- Eating, smoking, or bathing in the library
- Using Library restrooms for changing clothes, grooming or any purpose other than for which restrooms are intended.
- Possession of a drink without a lid
- Bicycles, scooters, skateboards, skates, etc. are not allowed in the library
- Fraudulent use of another person's library card and/or number for any purpose, including to reserve or use computers
- Sleeping in/on the library's premises or bringing bedding into the library
- Violating Tulare Public Library's [Internet Service Policy](#) or [Child Safety Policy](#)
- Disobeying the reasonable direction of a library staff member or library security officer
- Bodily hygiene that is offensive to other persons in the library
- Lack of proper attire (no shoes, pants/skirt, shirt, etc.)

Any person who repeatedly participates in any of the above conduct may have their library privileges revoked for an indefinite amount of time.

A person will be immediately expelled and suspended for committing or attempting to commit a serious offense, including assault, battery, theft, vandalism, sexual offenses, offensive touching, harassment, stalking or threatening behavior, the use of alcohol or controlled substances, or having unsanitary bodily hygiene so offensive to other persons that it constitutes a nuisance in the Library. The Library will contact law enforcement if necessary.