

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The Cornelius Public Library is committed to providing an atmosphere where people of all ages may come to read, browse, do research, or study in a welcoming, safe and clean environment. The Library's rules of behavior are designed to protect the rights and safety of Library patrons and staff members, and to preserve and protect the Library's materials, facilities, and property. These Rules shall be administered and any penalties imposed by the Library Director or the Director's designee.

Anyone engaging in behaviors 1-13 will be given two warnings at the discretion of library staff. Subsequent violations will result in expulsion and exclusion from the Library for one year or more.

1. Disobeying the direction of a Library staff member
2. Running or engage in loud, boisterous behavior.
3. Blocking library access including:
  - a) Creating an obstacle or taking up seating with items like large backpacks, carts, bicycles, and skateboards.
  - b) Parking bicycles or other similar devices inside the Library, in the City vestibule, or on the exterior ramp, stairs, and entryway.
  - c) Using roller skates, in-line skates, skateboards or similar devices in the Library, in the City vestibule, on the exterior ramp, stairs, and entryway.
4. Vaping or use of tobacco.
5. Bringing an animal into the Library (with the exception of service animals) except as part of a Library-approved event.
6. Leaving an animal tethered and unattended on Library and City property.
7. Soliciting.
8. Creating excessive noise that disturbs others except as part of a Library-approved event.
9. Sleeping.
10. Improperly using Library and City restrooms, including, but not limited to, bathing, shaving, washing hair and changing clothes.
11. Being in the Library with bare feet or a bare chest.
12. Disturbing others because of offensive body odor.
13. Any violation of the Library's adopted rules of "Computer and Technology Use Policy" or "[Parental Responsibility Policy](#)."

Anyone engaging in the behaviors 14-20 will be immediately expelled and excluded from the Library without warning. The police will be notified. Exclusion will be for one year or more.

14. Committing or threatening assault.
15. Committing or attempting theft.
16. Damaging or defacing Library property.
17. Possessing or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
18. Brandishing a weapon.
19. Engaging in sexual conduct.
20. Engaging in disorderly conduct, threatening behavior, harassment, abusive language or behavior that disturbs the atmosphere of the Library.