Customer Code of Conduct

Welcome to the Health Sciences Library. The Library strives to provide a safe and inviting environment for every customer. Please help us by refraining from behavior that disrupts other customers.

Library employees have the authority to bring inappropriate behavior, as defined by these and other rules, to the attention of the individual demonstrating such behavior. If that person will not alter his or her behavior, that individual will be asked to leave Library property. Failure to leave if asked may result in the police being called and a possible charge of criminal trespass per section 2911.21 of The Ohio State University revised code.

Behavior that interferes with the rights of others includes, but is not limited to the following activities:

- Profane, obscene or abusive language; racial or ethnic epithets
- Viewing pornography
- Harassing library staff — deliberate repeated behavior that is intimidating, hostile or offensive or adversely impacts staff work performance
- Intentionally damaging, destroying or stealing any property belonging to the Library, another customer or Library staff
- Use of the internet for unlawful purposes as defined by federal, state and local laws
- Unreasonable noise including: loud talking, singing, boisterous activity; cell phone or audiovisual equipment usage
- Loitering
- Distributing and/or posting unauthorized materials (all materials must be submitted for review and Library approval prior to posting and distributing)
- Abuse or improper use of furniture, equipment or materials
- Monopolizing or obstructing space, available seating, tables or equipment to the exclusion of others
- Trespassing, violating an eviction or entering upon banned library property
- Fighting, challenging someone to fight, physical abuse or assault
- Being under the influence of, possessing or selling alcohol or drugs
- Improper dress — lacking a shirt or other articles of clothing
- Vandalizing facilities or equipment
- Engaging in or soliciting a sexual act; indecent exposure
- Roller skating, roller blading, ball playing, skateboarding, cycling
- Bringing animals, other than service animals, into the library
- Smoking or chewing tobacco
- Offensive body odor
- Possessing weapons or other items deemed dangerous by Library staff, including violation of the posted concealed weapons prohibition
- Gambling, panhandling, soliciting money or any activity for personal profit
- Other acts disruptive to all customers and Library staff