



MISSION STATEMENT

The Albany Public Library is an essential resource promoting community, life-long learning, and quality services in a safe, welcoming space.

Patron Behavior and Rules of Conduct

To serve our mission, the Albany Public Library is open to everyone. All are welcome to use the Library's services and resources. Everyone is expected to behave in a way that does not unreasonably interfere with others' use of the Library.

The Library's Rules of Conduct are intended to maintain a considerate and orderly atmosphere, preserve easy access to Library services and resources, and to protect Library property. People who willfully violate these rules are subject to exclusion from the Library. Egregious violations may result in immediate exclusion or in a longer exclusion than indicated in these guidelines at the Library's sole discretion.

Individuals who repeatedly violate these Rules of Conduct after having been previously excluded for Library rule violations may face a longer exclusion than indicated in these guidelines. Repeat offenders need not violate the same rule to be subject to stricter enforcement and may not be warned that their behavior is inappropriate before being excluded.

RULES OF CONDUCT

Any person who violates rules 1–7 while on Library premises will immediately be removed and excluded from both Albany Public Library locations without first being given a warning. Any person so excluded shall lose all Library privileges for a period of up to three years, and the incident will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

1. Committing or attempting to commit any activity that violates any federal, state, or local criminal statute or ordinance.
 2. Directing a specific threat of physical harm against an individual, group of individuals, or property.
 3. Engaging in sexual conduct or lewd behavior.
 4. Possessing, selling, distributing, consuming, or being under the influence of any controlled substance or alcohol.
 5. Damaging, defacing, or destroying Library property.
 6. Use of hate speech or symbols in the library or on its social media platforms.
 7. Possession of a weapon, except as permitted by ORS 166.370
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Any person who violates rules 8–19 while on Library premises may be asked to leave for the day. Subsequent offenses will result in that person’s immediate ejection and exclusion from either Albany Public Library location for a period of up to one year.

8. Engaging in conduct that disrupts or interferes with the normal operation of the Library, disturbs Library staff or patrons.
9. Using foul, abusive, or threatening language or gestures.
10. Using Library materials, equipment, furniture, fixtures, or buildings in a manner inconsistent with customary use.
11. Disobeying the reasonable direction of a Library staff member.
12. Soliciting, petitioning, or distributing written materials or canvassing for political, charitable, monetary, or religious purposes inside a Library building.
13. Leaving personal belongings unattended.
14. Any interference with the free passage of Library staff or patrons on Library premises, including, but not limited to, placing objects such as bicycles, skateboards, backpacks, or other items in a manner that interferes with free passage or negatively affects the orderly atmosphere of the Library.
15. Bringing prohibited items into the Library, including but not limited to bicycles, shopping carts, or similar devices.
16. Operating roller skates, skateboards, or similar devices on Library premises.
17. Smoking or other tobacco use, including cigarette rolling and use of electronic vapor devices.
18. Covered beverages and snacks are permitted throughout the library, except near electronic equipment or other expensive equipment and materials. Patrons are responsible for any damage to library property caused by their food or drink.
19. Bringing non-service animals or animals not for the express intention of Library programming into Library buildings. Similarly, leaving animals unattended outside the Library in a way that impedes others’ access to the Library.

Any person who violates rules 20–25 while on Library premises may be asked to leave for the day. Subsequent offenses by that person will result in that person’s immediate ejection and exclusion from either Albany Public Library premises for a period of up to six months.

20. Violating the Library’s Internet Access Policy.
21. Improperly using Library restrooms, including but not limited to, bathing, shaving, changing clothes, and unreasonable length of use. Attending medical issues must be done in a private and hygienic manner.
22. Lying down, sleeping, or appearing to sleep inside the Library or on Library grounds.
23. Using personal electronic equipment at a volume that disturbs others.
24. Leaving children under the age of ten unattended.
25. Neglecting to provide proper supervision of children in your care.

Any person who violates rules 26 or 27 while on Library premises will be excluded from the premises until the problem is corrected.

26. Shoes and a shirt must be worn in Library buildings at all times. Clothing must cover underwear and private body parts. An exception is made for breastfeeding.
27. Emitting pervasive body odor including but not limited to, odors caused by perfume or cologne, that unreasonably interferes with other patrons' ability to use the Library.