

EAST CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

East Cleveland Public Library
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Hours: Mon - Thurs 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
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Code of Conduct

ECPL strives to provide
an enjoyable and positive
experience for all of
our patrons.

Library Policies

- The use of cell phones and other wireless communication devices is not permitted in the library. Please turn your ringer off when you enter the building. Cell phones must be on the silent or vibrating mode.
- Library patrons cannot be paged.
- Food and drink are not permitted in the library.
- CD players, MP3 players, and other personal electronic equipment must be used with headphones.

Child Safety Policy

Young children are not to be left unattended in the library. All children under the age of 7 must be accompanied by an adult or caregiver.

An unattended child is:

- Any child under the age of 7
- Any child who does not know their first or last name, their home telephone number, and the name of the person who brought them to the library.
- Any child left in the library for more than three hours.

Child Safety Policy

Minor caregivers must be:

- At least 13 years of age.
- Cannot be responsible for more than two other minor children.

Children of school age (6-17 years old) shall not be in the library during school hours of 9:00 am - 2:45 pm unless accompanied by an adult in accordance with East Cleveland City Ordinance number 537.222.

If a child is found unattended and remains in the library at closing, library staff will:

- Make every effort to locate the adult or caregiver.
- Staff will notify police and the child will be placed in the care of the police department.

East Cleveland Public Library is not responsible for unattended children under the age of 18.

Unacceptable Conduct and Consequences

First Level

- Entering the library barefoot or shirtless.
- Bringing pets or animals into the library other than necessary certified service animals.
- Any personal odor that interferes with another's use of the library.
- Unreasonable noise, including loud talking, singing, music, singing, boisterous activity, and horseplay.
- Consuming food or beverage.
- Inappropriate use of library property.
- Soliciting, gambling, or panhandling.
- Lying down or sleeping.
- Running, pushing, or throwing things.
- Personal grooming activities in the library.
- Profane, obscene, or abusive language.

Second Level

- Verbally threatening or harassing patrons or staff on library property.
- Damage to library property or grounds (until financial restitution is paid).
- Entering nonpublic areas without permission of an authorized library employee.
- Being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Smoking on library property.
- Noncompliance with any request made by library staff or security.

Third Level

- Carrying firearms and dangerous weapons.
- Selling, distributing or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Engaging in or soliciting any sexual act.
- Indecent exposure.
- Theft or attempted theft of property.
- Acts of vandalism.
- Physically assaulting anyone on library property.
- Viewing or possession of pornographic materials on library property.

Consequences

First Level Infractions

Will receive a verbal warning by library staff or security personnel.

Second Level Infractions

Will receive a written warning from library staff or security personnel and, if applicable, parent notification.

Third Level Infractions

Will result in permanent suspension of East Cleveland Public Library privileges.

East Cleveland Public Library maintains a zero tolerance policy toward any form of harassment of staff and patrons.

Levels of consequences can progress depending on the severity and frequency of the offense.