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RULES OF CONDUCT

An integral part of the mission of the San Juan Island Library District is to ensure that the Library provides an environment which encourages lifelong learning for all ages. To this end, the Library has established rules of conduct that promote a safe, healthy and barrier-free environment. Library staff will make every effort to apply these rules in a fair, equitable and positive manner for the benefit of all.

WHILE IN THE LIBRARY OR ON LIBRARY PROPERTY, THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED:

- Smoking and/or vaping (using any kind of electronic smoking device, e-liquids, or unregulated nicotine delivery product) inside, outside, or anywhere on library property including vehicles.
- Litter from food and drink. The Library permits light snacks and non-alcoholic beverages in closed containers. Patrons are responsible for cleanup.
- Bringing in bicycles. Skateboards, in-line skates, etc. must be carried at all times.
- Sexual misconduct, such as exposure, offensive touching or sexual harassment of other patrons or staff.
- Bringing in animals other than guide dogs and other assistive animals except as authorized by the Library Director.
- Disruptive or unsafe behavior such as loud talking, loud audio equipment, screaming, shouting, running, throwing things, pushing, and shoving, which may result in disturbing other patrons or damaging Library property.
- Taking up space beyond what is needed for one person, or leaving personal belongings unattended.
- Engaging in any activity prohibited by law or any other conduct that unreasonably interferes with others' use of the Library including physical or verbal harassment or threats to other patrons or staff, begging, or soliciting.
- Sleeping or camping.
- Parking overnight or longer than posted limits. Director is authorized to develop guidelines for parking limits. Vehicles that are parked overnight may be towed without notice.
- Parking by anyone other than Library staff and patrons currently using library facilities. Unauthorized vehicles may be towed without notice after 24 hours.
- Vehicles idling in the parking lot from which exhaust fumes enter library doors, windows, or intake systems.
- Pursuant to Washington state law, any form of open carry firearms or weapons are banned from library facilities and grounds. (RCW. 9.41.300)

Except in instances where immediate action is deemed appropriate by the Library Director or designee, individuals violating these rules may be first asked to stop such actions before further action by Library staff (up to and including expulsion or exclusion) is taken to address the violation. The Library reserves the right to require anyone violating these rules of conduct to leave the Library. The Library may also withdraw permission for a person to re-enter its facilities if the person continues a pattern of violating these rules (see RCW 27.12.290).