



## LIBRARY USER POLICY

To maintain a culture conducive to learning and entertainment, while ensuring the safety of all library users, the library has established the following policies:

### **Attire**

Shirts and shoes must be worn in the library.

### **Disruptive behavior**

Disruptive behavior includes actions which present a physical danger to others or that may interfere with library activities or purposely disturbing other patrons. Examples include: inappropriate or abusive language, unwelcome solicitation of other patrons, fighting, or running. If the disruptive behavior continues, the library staff may ask the patron(s) to leave the library or grounds.

### **Smoking, Firearms**

Smoking is not allowed in the library. Firearms are not allowed in the library.

### **Unsupervised Children in the Library**

Columbus Public Library welcomes children of all ages to use and enjoy the facilities, collections and programs offered by the library. It is the responsibility of parents to supervise their children and ensure that their children comply with this Library User Policy while in the library.

Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or caretaker. Older siblings or caretakers must be over the age of 12 to be considered adequate supervisors.

Staff will try to contact parents/guardians at closing time if a child is left unattended. If an unattended child has not been picked up by closing time, staff will wait up to 5 minutes with the child(ren) before notifying the Columbus Police Department.

### **Animals in the Building**

No pets or other animals are allowed in the library unless they are service animals or part of a library program. The library defines a service animal by [Title II and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act](#).