Altamonte Springs City Library

Code of Conduct

This code of conduct has been adopted for the comfort and protection of the rights of those using and working in the Altamonte Springs City Library. We ask your cooperation in helping us provide a safe and pleasant environment for all patrons and staff. Behavior that disrupts the orderly use of the library is prohibited. This includes behavior that constitutes a nuisance, or presents a safety and/or security hazard or affects the ability of library staff to provide services.

Examples of **unacceptable behavior** include:

- Disturbing other patrons with use of cell phones and other electronic devices
- Loud talking or other noise
- Verbal abuse, physical abuse or sexual harassment of library users or staff
- Abusive or profane language
- Loitering, including refusal to leave at closing time
- Sleeping
- Refusal to vacate computer station when time limits are up
- Selling or soliciting
- Personal hygiene so offensive as to constitute a nuisance to other people
- Defacing or intentionally damaging library property
- Possessing, consuming or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs
- Bringing food or drinks near computer stations
- Not abiding by computer use policy
- Not wearing shoes or shirts
- Bringing animals into the library (except service animals for the disabled)
- Abandoning or leaving young children/special needs patrons unattended
- Children under age 8 with no supervision, or supervision by a non-responsible sibling.

Patrons will be warned when possible and requested to leave if the unacceptable behavior continues. If necessary, the Altamonte Springs Police Department will be dispatched to the library. Continual violation of these policies may result in expulsion from the library, suspension of borrowing privileges, criminal prosecution, or other legal action as appropriate.