



PATRON CODE OF CONDUCT

The Hillsboro Public Library is for everyone and is committed to providing a welcoming and inclusive world-class library system where our entire community can gather, connect, and explore.

We strive to provide safe, easy, and unobstructed access to our buildings, collections, furnishings, and other library resources. For everyone's enjoyment, our Patron Code of Conduct abides by the [Hillsboro Municipal Code](#) and applies to all our library locations. The following behavior is prohibited:

(The italic numbers below refer to the specific sections of the Municipal Code)

- Alcohol** - Sell, drink or consume alcoholic beverages or possess an alcoholic beverage container that has been opened, has a broken seal or the contents of which have been partially removed, unless otherwise authorized by law or city regulation or permit [\(9.32.040\)](#).
- Hygiene** - Have personal hygiene that unduly interferes with the ability of others to use the public land or public facility, including body odor or strong perfume [\(9.32.040\)](#).

Patrons are welcome to return to the library after they have addressed the source of an odor and we can offer resources if interested.

- Injury / Damage** - Climb upon an object in such a manner as to create a danger of personal injury or property damage. [\(9.32.040\)](#) & [Library Administrative Rules: Unattended Children](#)
- Intentional Obstruction** – Intentionally or knowingly block, obstruct, impair or hinder or attempt to block, obstruct, impair or hinder the free movement of pedestrian traffic in or out of a public facility. [\(9.32.040\)](#)
- Shoes** - Fail to wear appropriate attire. For the purposes of this restriction appropriate attire includes a top, bottom, and shoes except where public land or public facility-specific regulations allow otherwise [\(9.32.040\)](#).

Patrons should always wear a top, bottom and shoes when they are in the library, including in the children's play areas, for their safety at all times.

- Sleeping** - Lay down or sleep in a public facility, unless otherwise authorized to engage in such activities [\(9.32.040\)](#).

Sleeping children should be accompanied by a responsible person at all times. We ask patrons not to sleep in the library so we know that everyone is safe and not having a medical incident.

- **Soliciting** – Solicit, petition, or distribute written materials or canvass for any purpose in a public facility, including doorways or vestibules of a public facility. ([9.32.040](#))
- **Unattended Children** – Parents and caregivers are responsible for the behavior of their children while they are in the Library and on Library property. Per the Oregon Revised Statutes, children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible person at all times. ([Library Administrative Rules: Unattended Children](#))
- **Unintentional Obstruction** - Bring bicycles, shopping carts, or similar wheeled objects into a public facility when doing so would be inconsistent with the intended use of the public facility ([9.32.040](#)).

We encourage patrons to keep personal belongings with them in an area that does not obstruct others' use of the library.

- **Volume** – In a manner that unduly interferes with the ability of others to use a public facility, use personal electronic equipment such as cell phones, computers, and other playback devices at an excessively loud volume ([9.32.040](#)).

Our library locations are active community centers where noise level can fluctuate throughout the day. Noise is considered excessively loud when it becomes distracting to others.

- **Wheeled Objects** - Ride or operate a skateboard, scooter, roller blades or roller skates in a public facility, unless otherwise authorized to engage in such activities ([9.32.040](#)). Riding bicycles and tricycles is also not allowed. Reasonable exceptions include wheeled medical devices.

At the Shute Park branch, no person may ride a skateboard as defined herein in any area of Shute Park that provides for ingress and egress to the library, including sidewalks, walkways, plazas and decorative walls, and any other paved surface that is north or east of the asphalt parking lot adjacent to the library ([9.32.120](#)).

At the Brookwood branch, no person may ride a skateboard as defined herein on the premises of the Brookwood Library including the parking lot, walkways, and any other hard surfaces ([9.32.120](#)).

Exclusions - Someone whose behavior violates the Municipal Code may be excluded from any Library location and not allowed to return for a period of up to 90 days ([9.32.202](#)).

- **90 day exclusions** - can only be for items noted in Municipal code [9.32.020](#) and must be issued directly by the Hillsboro Police Department.
- **Appeals** - Further information can be found in Municipal code [9.32.030](#) Appeal of exclusion.