

LIBRARY CODE OF CONDUCT

The **Code of Conduct** governs the use of Ontario City Library facilities. The purpose of the Code is to ensure that all patrons of Ontario City Library facilities have access to and use of library facilities in a quiet, orderly, peaceful and safe atmosphere, unhindered and undisturbed by the disruptive actions and behavior of others. The Library supports the rights of customers to be actively engaged in using Library services or materials. Library staff is empowered to stop any activity which they consider harmful to the safety, well-being and security of customers and staff or to the operations and facilities of Ontario City Library.

A person engaged in any illegal activity inside or on library premises will be immediately reported to the police and/or expelled.

A person engaged in the following behaviors will be asked to stop the behavior, and may be asked to leave the library:

- Engaging in disorderly conduct, harassing, annoying or other disruptive behavior.
- Engaging in loud, disruptive, boisterous behavior or conversations that create unwelcomed noise
- Eating is not allowed in the library unless authorized. Bottled water or beverages in containers with lids are allowed, but open soda cans are not. Food and drink are not permitted at computer stations.
- Making use of the restrooms for any purpose for which they were not intended.
- Extended sleeping in the library. It is in your own interest to remain aware of your surroundings and your valuables.
- Misuse of library furniture or equipment.
- Failing to maintain control over personal belongings, blocking or interfering with free passage or creating a hazard.
- Bringing in bicycles, large backpacks, carts, and other bulky items.
- Entering or remaining in the Library barefoot or shirtless, or with poor bodily hygiene.
- Bringing in animals, other than certified assistive animals.

Children who are unable to follow the code of conduct and safely supervise themselves must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Failure to comply with the **Code of Conduct** of the Ontario City Library may result in temporary or permanent expulsion from the Library. The Ontario City Library **Expulsion Policy** provides for a limited right of review or appeal of decisions made by Library staff under these rules. See the **Expulsion Policy** for details.