

Irving Public Library Rules of Conduct

The Irving Public Library (IPL) is committed to preserving a safe and welcoming environment for reading, learning, exploring ideas, creating, participating in programs, and enjoying Library activities.

Visitors are expected to comply with the rules listed below at all IPL locations. If visitors do not comply with these rules, they may be asked to leave the Library and may lose Library privileges. If necessary, Library staff will contact the police.

Act legally and ethically

Acting or attempting to act in violation of state, federal, or local laws, ordinances, or regulations, or Irving Public Library policies, is prohibited.

Use spaces and resources as they are intended

Drinking, eating, or cell phone use is permitted in designated areas. Food or drink is not allowed at public computers. In the other parts of the library, drinks in closed containers such as covered cups or water bottles are allowed. Individually packaged snacks like crackers or cookies, are allowed, while foods including pizza, fast food or those requiring eating utensils are prohibited.

Smoking/vaping, alcohol, tobacco or drug use is not permitted. Improper use of the bathroom, including bathing, shaving or washing clothes, is not allowed.

For your personal safety it is important to be aware of your surroundings; do not expect the opportunity to sleep at the library.

Communicate with respect

Obscene, harassing, or abusive language or gestures are not tolerated.

Be considerate of others

Disrupting or interfering with normal operation of the Library, its staff, or other users is not allowed. This includes unreasonable noise or disruptive/threatening actions or behavior.

Library users are expected to wear appropriate clothes/footwear and meet community standards for hygiene.

Library users should not bring bulky items into the library that may block walkways or limit visitor seating. Use Library furniture in ways it is intended to be used.

Only trained service animals and animals associated with program presenters are allowed in the Library.

Accompany your children

Children under 10 must be in the company of a parent, guardian, or other caregiver 18 years or older who must be present at all times.

Please consult the Library's *Safe Child* policy for more detailed information.