



FORSYTH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY RULES FOR USE

The policy of the Forsyth County Public Library offers a full range of library services to all residents of the community, regardless of age, sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion, or economic status; and it is the policy of the Library Board to maintain a pleasant and safe environment conducive to study and casual use. Therefore, **the following are not allowed.**

1. Loud conversation or laughter which is disturbing to other customers.
2. Using obscene, abusive or inappropriate language.
3. Following, staring at, or otherwise harassing staff or customers.
4. Engaging in disorderly conduct, committing a nuisance, or unreasonably disturbing and offending library customers.
5. Blocking or in any way interfering with the free movement of any person(s).
6. Engaging in any illegal activity or behavior.
7. Possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs.
8. Carrying a weapon of any sort (gun, knife, club, etc.) by any individual except a law enforcement officer.
9. Willful destruction or damage of any Library property.
10. Removing any Library property from the building without authorization through established procedures.
11. Leaving children under 8 years old unattended by a caregiver.
12. Bringing in any items, material or objects that take up an excessive amount of space or present potential harm, danger or distraction. Oversized bags, bedrolls, scooters, bicycles or other unwieldy equipment are examples of items prohibited. Any item brought into the library is subject to search.
13. Misusing cell phones. Cell phones must be set on "inaudible alert" and conversations must meet the limits of rule #1, which prohibits loud conversation. Cell phone conversations must be concluded before approaching a Library service desk.

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14. Using personal listening devices without headphones and allowing sound to be heard by others.
15. Using Library parking lots, sidewalks or property for games, skateboarding or other activities that could be dangerous to participants or customers.
16. Rearranging furniture or moving equipment from one location to another without permission.
17. Unauthorized entry into staff, closed or restricted areas.
18. Having food or beverages in areas where prohibited.
19. Tobacco use inside Library buildings and near entrances.
20. Not wearing shoes or shirt.
21. Sleeping (nodding off while using the Library is permissible).
22. Bringing in animals other than those certified to assist the disabled.
23. Distributing leaflets or posting notices in an area not authorized for this purpose.
24. Soliciting or selling of any kind, unless approved by the Library Director.
25. Using telephones without permission, except those designated for public use.
26. Exposing others to health hazards, such as lice or influenza.
27. Extreme body odor or other foul smells.
28. Displaying obscenity or material that is harmful to minors.
29. Displaying other behaviors inappropriate in a public library setting. (Examples: bathing, sexual activity).

Violators of this policy and/or customers not complying with staff decisions are **subject to expulsion and/or banning from FCPL libraries.**

Those refusing to leave when asked are subject to arrest under trespass laws of the General Statutes of North Carolina. Criminal behavior will be prosecuted under the law.

Please report any Violations to the Library staff.

NORTH CAROLINA LAWS PERTAINING TO POLICY

G.S.	14-33	Misdemeanor assaults, batteries, and affrays, simple and aggravated.
G.S.	14-34	Assaulting by pointing a gun.
G.S.	14-34.2	Assault with a firearm or other deadly weapon upon governmental officers or employees.
G.S.	14-71.1	Possessing stolen goods.
G.S.	14-72	Larceny of property; receiving stolen goods or possessing stolen goods.
G.S.	14-74	Larceny by servants and other employees.
G.S.	14-76	Larceny, mutilation, or destruction of public records and papers.
G.S.	14-127	Willful and wanton injury to real property.
G.S.	14-132	Disorderly conduct in and injuries to public buildings and facilities.
G.S.	14-159.12	First degree trespass.
G.S.	14-159.13	Second degree trespass.
G.S.	14-160	Willful and wanton injury to personal property.
G.S.	14-190.1	Exhibiting obscenity.
G.S.	14-190.13	Exhibiting harmful material to minors.
G.S.	14-190.9	Indecent exposure.
G.S.	14-196	Using profane, indecent or threatening language to any person over telephone; annoying or harassing by repeated telephoning or making false statements over telephone.
G.S.	14-204.1	Loitering for the purpose of engaging in prostitution offense.
G.S.	14-269	Carrying concealed weapons.

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- G.S. 14-277.1 Communicating threats.
- G.S. 14-2773 Stalking.
- G.S. 14-288.4 Disorderly conduct.
- G.S. 14-398 Theft or destruction of property of public libraries, museums, etc.
- G.S. 14-399 Littering.
- G.S. 14-444 Intoxicated and disruptive in public.
- G.S. 153A-266 Powers and duties of Library Board of Trustees.