

CITY OF TEXAS CITY
MOORE MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY
RULES OF BEHAVIOR FOR LIBRARY PATRONS
(Approved 10/16/2019 by the Texas City Commission)

For the safety, health and comfort of all Library patrons and staff and for the protection of Library property, the following rules of behavior have been adopted by the Moore Memorial Library Board of Trustees and will be strictly enforced. Violators shall be subject to expulsion from the Library property, loss of Library privileges and/or reported to the Texas City Police Department for prosecution.

1. Patrons shall conform to socially acceptable hygiene and wear proper attire and shoes at all times while on Library property.
2. Approved food and covered beverages are permissible only in designated areas. Meals or messy, noisy or strong-smelling foods are not permitted.
3. Smoking and using any other tobacco products inside the Library is prohibited.
4. Service animals for disabled persons are welcome. Other animals are prohibited inside the Library unless authorized by the Library Director.
5. Soliciting, petitioning, panhandling, advertising and political campaigning are prohibited on Library property unless authorized by the Library Director.
6. Skateboarding and roller skating are prohibited on Library property. Bicycles are prohibited inside the Library but may be stored in the bicycle rack outside the Library.
7. Cell phones may be used in non-prohibited areas at an acceptable volume.
8. Theft, damage, misuse or defacement of Library materials, equipment, furniture, facilities, etc. is prohibited.
9. Entering nonpublic or "Staff Only" areas and sleeping or loitering on Library property are prohibited.
10. Children ages 8-9 may be in the Children's Department by themselves if a responsible individual at least 14 years of age or older is in the library with them. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied (within line of sight) by a responsible individual at least 14 years of age or older at all times. Disruptive children shall be expelled from the Library. See **City of Texas City Moore Memorial Library Children's Department Policy**.
11. Patrons are expected to be courteous and respectful to staff and other patrons at all times. Abusive or obscene language or gestures, verbal or physical threats or harassments, any form of stalking, offensive touching, staring, or obscene acts or any disruptive behavior including but not limited to loud talking, laughing or noises of any kind, throwing objects, fighting, spitting, horse playing, etc. are prohibited.
12. Standing, climbing, playing, lying down, etc. on Library furniture, counters, shelving or fixtures are prohibited.
13. Using the public restrooms for bathing, changing clothes, etc. is prohibited. Intentionally soiling the restrooms is also prohibited.
14. Refusing to cooperate or comply with staff's instructions or enforcement of these rules is prohibited. Patrons must obey all approved library policies.

(The Director or his/her designee reserves the right to make changes to any library policy or procedure as the need arises for health, safety and public interest concerns.)