

## ATHENS-LIMESTONE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

### LIBRARY RULES OF CONDUCT

---

The Athens-Limestone County Public Library is a place for serious study, as well as a place for recreational reading and borrowing books. All who come into the Library are expected to respect the rights of others by moving and speaking quietly.

Smoking and other tobacco use, food and uncovered drinks, pets (except service animals), and use of audio equipment without ear pieces are not allowed.

Library management is not responsible for loss of personal property. The Library is a public building and it is the patron's responsibility to safeguard personal property at all times.

Inappropriate behavior includes, but is not limited to: running, loud noise, throwing objects, climbing on furniture, needless pulling of materials from shelves and abusing machinery. Those in violation will be warned. Temporary eviction from library premises will result if inappropriate behavior continues.

Disorderly conduct, fighting, harassment or any illegal activity will result in immediate suspension from the Library.

Any child visiting the Library who is under the age of thirteen (13), must be accompanied by a responsible adult or caregiver. Children under the age of seven (7) must be accompanied and directly supervised at all times by a responsible adult. Children aged 8 to 12 may be in the Library without an adult as long as they are accompanied by a responsible, parent-approved caregiver. For the purpose of the policy, a responsible caregiver must be age 13 or older and capable of providing adequate supervision of the minor children under their supervision. Such caregivers may be older siblings, baby-sitters, or tutors.

Minors under the age of 19 must not be left at the Library after closing. It is the responsibility of parents or guardians to be aware of regular and holiday closing times. If a minor is left after closing, two staff members will stay with them for a maximum of 30 minutes. If the minor has not been picked up within 15 minutes after closing, staff will contact the police for assistance. Staff are not permitted to transport children in personal or library vehicles.