

# Petersburg Public Library System

## Code of Conduct

Welcome to the Petersburg Public Library System. We strive to provide an enjoyable and safe library environment for you, your family, and our employees. Patrons using the Library and its services have a responsibility to conduct themselves in a manner which respects the rights of others who use the Library and its resources. Failure to comply with any of the rules and regulations listed below may result in suspension or loss of library privileges. Expulsion may be for that date, an extended period, or permanently.

### **The following activities are not allowed on the Library premises:**

1. Improper conduct. The following forms of conduct shall be considered improper:
  - A. Physically or verbally threatening any person; fighting; annoying others through noisy or boisterous activities; unnecessary staring or stalking; or in any other way creating a disturbance which is disruptive or dangerous to others or the business activities of the Library.
  - B. Any sexual activity including indecent exposure.
  - C. Presence in the Library, or on Library grounds, while under the influence of any intoxicant, narcotic, or similar substance.
  - D. Eating, drinking, smoking or open containers of food or beverages.
  - E. Sleeping.
  - F. Mutilating, defacing, or stealing Library property or the property of other patrons.
  - G. Soliciting patrons or staff in Library facilities.
  - H. Running or otherwise obstructing or interfering with the free flow of pedestrian traffic.
  - I. Strongly offensive body odor.
  - J. Loitering.
  - K. Talking loudly or making disruptive noises.
2. Animals, other than guide dogs, except for programs approved by the Library.
3. Failing to be properly clothed. Acceptable attire includes wearing a shirt/blouse/pants/dress and shoes. Wearing "hoodies" or other head and facial covers obscuring identity is prohibited.
4. Talking on cellular telephones and/or wireless communication devices. Ringers should be turned off or on vibrate.
5. Weapons of any kind.
6. Playing radio, tape, CD players, Ipod and MP3 players (even with headphones).
7. Playing cards and other games.