

BCLS is committed to providing everyone with fair and equitable access to the library and its resources and services in a welcoming environment. BCLS established this policy to help ensure that each patron's visit to the library is a positive experience for everyone.

Patrons should

- Use language that is respectful, responsible and considerate,
- Use care with library equipment, furniture and property,
- Ensure that children under the age of 12 are accompanied by someone 12 years of age or older (Those accompanying children are responsible for the child's behavior and library resource usage.),
- Wear shoes and shirts in the library,
- Bring only trained service animals inside the library,
- Park bicycles, scooters, etc., outside before entering the library, without blocking entrances or pathways, and
- Understand that the library is not responsible for personal belongings that are unattended.

Behaviors that are unacceptable in the library include, but are not limited to

- Vandalism, damage to or theft of library materials/property,
- Verbal or physical abuse, threats, insults, or harassment,
- Inebriation or disorderly conduct,
- Excessive noise,
- Offensive odor,
- Using the restrooms for bathing or doing laundry,
- Unreasonably monopolizing library space, seating, tables, computers, or any equipment to the exclusion of other patrons and staff,
- Selling/soliciting by anyone not associated with BCLS (approaching others with items for sale or asking for donations), *added to the code in response to occasional panhandling in branches*
- Failing to adhere to the library's Computer and Internet Use agreement, and
- Entering staff work areas without permission.

Violation of the code of conduct may result in the individual(s) involved being asked to leave the library or may require the intervention of law enforcement.