



BLUFFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY CODE OF CONDUCT

Pursuant to Sections 3375.40(H) and 2935.041 of the Ohio Revised Code the following Code of Conduct was adopted by the Bluffton Public Library Board of Trustees on March 29, 2006, and revised on April 24, 2012.

The following rules have been adopted for the comfort and protection of everyone using the library. The library staff will enforce these rules in a courteous yet firm manner. We ask that everyone using the library cooperate by maintaining a pleasant atmosphere conducive to study. If any patron is confronted with violations of these rules, he/she should alert a staff member immediately.

1. Disruptive behavior is not permitted on library property.

The following types of behavior are strictly prohibited:

- All illegal activities
- Excessive noise, including cell phones
- Loitering or blocking entryways, stairways or doorways
- Offensive body odor or poor hygiene, or other excessive odors, to such a degree that it creates a nuisance to others or disrupts library service
- Profane, vulgar or abusive language
- Rearranging library equipment or furniture
- Running, skateboarding/rollerblading or engaging in horseplay
- Solicitation
- Threatening words or actions

2. Smoking is prohibited on library premises, inside and outside the building.
3. Children under 8 years of age must be with a parent or responsible caregiver.
4. Food and drink are allowed only in designated areas.
5. Shirts and shoes must be worn in the library.
6. Intentional defacement of library materials or property is a crime punishable by law.

If any person violates the above rules, he/she will be asked to leave the library premises. Failure to leave will result in the police being contacted. Offenses may result in the loss of library privileges, including being barred from library property.