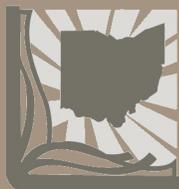


Rules of Conduct

The State Library of Ohio is a state board as defined in Chapter 3375 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). As a state board, the State Library has a responsibility to establish policies and rules to administer its facilities and collections.

The State Library of Ohio strives to make available a facility that is clean and comfortable to support the varied research needs of our patrons. To ensure a pleasant environment that is conducive to the needs of all library patrons, the State Library Board has adopted Rules of Conduct. These rules apply to all library patrons while on library property.



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Per section 3375-1-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code, the state librarian and assigned designees reserve the right to regulate activities by any non-employee or employee which disrupt or interfere with the normal work flow or use of the facility.

- Patrons who disrupt the normal work flow or use of the facility by others will be asked to discontinue the disruptive behavior. Failure to comply with the Rules of Conduct may result in expulsion from the facility. Law enforcement will be contacted to deal with patrons who refuse to leave the facility or are suspected of engaging in criminal behavior. (ORC 2911.21)
- Smoking is prohibited anywhere inside all State Library of Ohio facilities. Smoking is only permitted outside of the library in designated areas. (ORC 3794.02)
- The State Library of Ohio is an alcohol free and drug free facility. (ORC 123)
- It is illegal to carry a firearm, deadly weapon, or dangerous ordnance anywhere on State Library property. (ORC 2923.126)
- Animals are prohibited, with the exception of certified service animals as defined in ORC 955.43.
- Food and drinks are permitted only in designated areas.
- Use of obscene, abusive, threatening or insulting language or intimidating or harassing patrons or staff in the library is prohibited.
- Entrance into non-public areas of the library without permission is prohibited.
- Protect your personal property while in the library or on library property. The library cannot take responsibility for lost or stolen property.