

# 1 CONDUCT POLICY FOR BRUNSWICK 2 COUNTY LIBRARIES

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4 The Brunswick County Library offers library services to all residents of, and visitors  
5 to, Brunswick County. Library staff are committed to providing a safe and  
6 welcoming environment for all library patrons. The user guidelines below set  
7 expectations for all library users to ensure the safety, cleanliness, comfort, and  
8 accessibility of all Brunswick County Library spaces for all community members.

## 9 [Illegal Activities](#)

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11 Illegal activities and behaviors that are violations of state, local and federal laws  
12 are prohibited on library property and at library events. Library patrons may not  
13 engage in behaviors, actions, or activities that violate any Federal, State or Local  
14 laws, as well as community ordinances and regulations. Weapons of any kind are  
15 forbidden on library property.

## 16 [Personal Behavior and Conduct](#)

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18 All library patrons and staff, while on library premises, have the right to enjoy a  
19 library experience that is free from threat, harassment, lewd or disruptive  
20 behavior. To ensure this, library patrons, while on library premises, must not:  
21 possess or consume alcohol; smoke, including e-cigarettes; solicit for funds or  
22 signatures, panhandle, sell goods, or gamble; or make unreasonable and  
23 disruptive noise, including cell phone use. Bags and other personal belongings  
24 may not be left unattended and must not block access to aisles, doorways,  
25 stairways, walkways, ramps, or computers.

## 26 [Service Animals](#)

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28 Service animals are welcome in Brunswick County libraries in compliance with  
29 ADA regulations. Other animals are prohibited.

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31 Food/Beverages

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33 Beverages must be in covered containers. Food can be eaten in designated areas  
34 as well as part of a library-sponsored program or pre-approved event.

35 Furniture

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37 Furniture may not be moved without permission from library staff. Library users  
38 must not abuse or damage furniture.

39 Policy Violations

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41 Violators of this policy can be subject to a warning, removal from library property,  
42 and/or exclusion from library buildings and grounds and violators may lose library  
43 privileges. Violations of law will be referred to local law enforcement when  
44 necessary and criminal behavior will be prosecuted under the law.

45 Applicability

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47 This policy applies to all library patrons and/or persons on library property. Any  
48 disruptive behavior is determined by library staff or security personnel.

49 Responsibility

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51 It is the responsibility of all public service staff and facility supervisors to  
52 understand this policy fully to ensure fair and equitable application. It is the  
53 responsibility of the Library Director, with the advice of the Brunswick County  
54 Library Board of Trustees, to interpret, monitor and recommend updates to this  
55 policy. The Library Director is the final authority regarding the enforcement of  
56 this policy.

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58 Effective April 25, 2022

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