

# Public Code of Conduct

SGPL strives to create welcoming and accessible spaces where everyone can build connections, satisfy curiosity, and experience belonging. To successfully fulfill this commitment, SGPL requires that all those who use the space:

*Work together to contribute to a safe and comfortable environment by:*

- Being respectful and courteous with others
- Respecting everyone's right to use and enjoy the library space
- Dressing appropriately for a public place that serves patrons of all ages
- Using furniture, equipment, and spaces for their intended purpose
- Keeping devices and conversations at a volume that does not disturb others
- Taking responsibility for those in your care
- Monitoring your personal belongings
- Following direction from staff which includes exiting the library when asked to do so
- Complying with existing library policies

*Maintain a positive and safe environment; examples of unacceptable behaviours include:*

- Abuse of any kind toward others
- Public intoxication and possession/use of intoxicants and/or illegal substances
- Carrying or using weapons
- Anything subject to charges by local enforcement services
- Damaging or stealing library property
- Soliciting, petitioning, or distributing written materials of any kind
- Canvassing for political, charitable, or religious purposes of any kind
- Bringing any personal items that would disrupt the use of library space by others

Library staff are required to apply this Code in an equitable manner. When violations occur, staff are obligated to inform violators of appropriate conduct and then state the consequences if behaviour is not remedied.

## **Policy 5.0 Services - Use of the Library by Children**

Parents or legal guardians are responsible for deciding what library resources, services, and programs are appropriate for their children. Access to library collection items in all its formats is not limited by age recommendations or content ratings. Library staff do not monitor or supervise public computer use and its unfiltered internet access. Library staff do not act in *loco parentis* and abide by the following requirements:

- Children under the age of twelve must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver in the library.
- Children of any age who require special supervision must always be with a parent or responsible caregiver.
- Children left unattended in the library may result in the library involving appropriate authorities.