

Boyden Library's Code of Conduct Policy

The Boyden Library has developed a Code of Conduct Policy to preserve the rights, safety, and enjoyment of all library patrons, volunteers, staff and for preserving and protecting the Library's materials, equipment, and grounds.

Persons who, in the opinion of library staff, fail to comply with these rules of conduct as described below **may be asked to leave the premises**. Repeated failure to heed warnings by library staff may result in the loss of library privileges and/or a letter of disinvite:

- Loud, disruptive conversations or devices are prohibited (Mass. General Laws Ch. 272, Sec. 41).
- Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times inside the Library.
- Throwing, running, or climbing in the Library or on Library property is forbidden.
- Use of profane and/or abusive language to staff or other patrons.
- Removing materials from shelves in a manner that disrupts the organization or enjoyment of the collection.
- Solicitation, vending, and distribution of petitions are not permitted in the Library.
- The only animals allowed to enter the premises shall be service animals.
- Refrain from having food or drink around any computer or electronic equipment. Users are responsible for any damage done by food and/or drink.
- Skateboarding and rollerblading are not permitted on Library property.
- Loitering is not permitted on Library property.
- All patrons must leave the premises at closing, unless they are participating in a prescheduled program or meeting.
- Harassing others, either verbally or by physical actions is not permitted. This includes any actions that patrons or staff perceives to be harassing.
- Threatening others, either verbally or physically, is forbidden. This includes any actions that patrons or staff perceives to be threatening.
- Anyone involved in the theft, defacement, or mutilation of Library materials or property may be subjected to arrest and prosecution (Mass. General Laws Ch. 266, Sec. 99 & 100).
- Use of alcohol, tobacco, recreational drugs, and narcotics on Library property is strictly prohibited. Smoking of any substance in the Library is prohibited by law. Patrons under the influence of either alcohol or narcotics may be banned from the Library premises.
- Carrying weapons of any kind on the premises is forbidden. This prohibition does not apply to law enforcement officers engaged in the duties of their employment.