

CHARLOTTE HOBBS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Patron Code of Conduct

PURPOSE

The mission of the Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library (CHML) is to bring people, information and ideas together to inspire lifelong learning, advance knowledge and strengthen our community. To further this mission, the CHML strives to foster a comfortable, welcoming environment of inclusion and openness. All persons who use the library facilities support this mission by following the rules of conduct noted in this policy.

DEFINITIONS

Director: A salaried employee hired by the CHML Board of Trustees as Library Director to manage and promote the CHML, or the Acting Library Director if the position of Library Director is vacant.

Patron: Any CHML visitor.

POLICY

1. Patrons are expected to comply with all policies of the CHML.
2. No patron may act in a manner which disrupts the orderly operation of the library: unreasonably interferes with the use of the facilities and grounds by others; may result in physical, emotional or mental injury; and may result in damage to the library facility, materials or grounds.
3. Food or drink, with the exception of water in a closed container, may not be consumed in the public areas on the main floor.
4. Cell phones must be silenced in the library building. Calls should not occur on the collection floor as they may be disruptive to others.
5. Headphones (available at the front desk) should be worn when using audio on any electronic device.
6. Weapons are not allowed in the library.
7. Children under 10 years of age should not be left unsupervised in the library or on the grounds. The parent/guardian and/or assigned chaperone has the responsibility for the safety and behavior of children visiting the library and its grounds.
8. The CHML reserves the right to require anyone who violates policy to leave the CHML property, restricting their privilege of using the library and/or grounds.
9. At the time patrons borrow materials from the CHML, they assume responsibility for the care and timely return of the materials, as provided in the Lending Policy.

Adoption: This policy was adopted by the Board of the CHML on June 16, 2017; amended on February 17, 2021; and further amended on April 21, 2021.