Library Code of Conduct

The University Library at Governors State University is available for students, faculty, staff and community patrons to identify and access information resources for their educational course and research needs. Computer workstations in the public area are intended for information research and retrieval and the completion of assignments, projects and papers. Designated spaces are provided for quiet study and research, as well as group study work. Behavior in the library should align with the above stated activities.

Inappropriate Behavior
Behavior which undermines these stated activities is inappropriate in the library. Examples of inappropriate behavior include, but are not limited to:

- using a cell phone;
- engaging in activity disruptive or demeaning to others;
- harassing (physically, sexually, or verbally) other library users or library staff;
- viewing pornography on computer terminals in public areas of the library;
- drinking beverages outside designated areas;
- bringing food into the public areas of the library without prior written permission of the dean;
- smoking or using smokeless tobacco;
- entering staff-only areas of the library;
- refusing to leave the library at closing or during emergency situations/drills;
- damaging or stealing library materials or equipment;
- destroying library furniture or facilities;
- hiding library materials for the exclusive use of an individual or group;
- illegally downloading copyrighted media from the Internet; and
- corrupting any computer system, network computer program, or data;
- disregarding the library's code of conduct policy.

Anyone displaying inappropriate behavior will be asked to cease and desist from such actions immediately by library staff. Failure to comply with such requests will result in the summoning of campus police. Repeated violations of the library code of conduct policy by a GSU student will be brought to the attention of the Dean of Students for disciplinary action.

Unattended Children
Children under sixteen years of age must be supervised by a parent or an adult eighteen years of age or older. Unattended children will be turned over to campus police.

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