

Hood River County Library District Ordinance No. I

An ordinance regulating conduct on Library District property

WHEREAS, Hood River County Library District operates libraries in locations throughout Hood River County; and

WHEREAS, the District owns or manages the buildings and rooms where these branches are located as well as, in some cases, the grounds outside those facilities; and

WHEREAS, the District wants to ensure that those spaces are safe, welcoming environments for everyone;

NOW, THEREFORE Hood River County Library District ordains that users of the properties and spaces it owns and manages abide by the Code of Conduct included in Exhibit A;

and that, violations of this ordinance will be handled in accordance with the District's Use Restrictions Policy and relevant local, state, and federal laws;

and that, the District's affiliate groups, the Friends of the Hood River County Library and Hood River County Library Foundation, are not subject to restrictions on soliciting and advocating;

and that, the District reserves the right to partner with organizations and individuals with closely-aligned missions and goals to offer programming, including solicitation and advocacy events, on District property, per the District's Programming Policy;

and that, the public meeting room at the Cascade Locks and Hood River Libraries and the publicly-accessible bulletin boards and literature racks at the Cascade Locks, Hood River, and Parkdale Libraries are considered limited public forums and therefore designated areas as referenced in Exhibit A;

and that, the Georgiana Smith Memorial Gardens at the Hood River Library is considered a traditional public forum and therefore a designated area as referenced in Exhibit A.

Read for the second time and passed on the 21st day of April, 2015, to become effective thirty (30) days hence.

SIGNED:

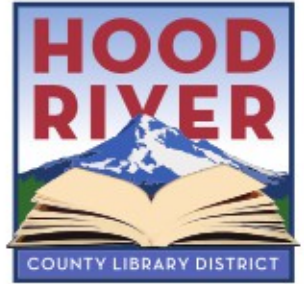
ATTEST:

Suzanne VanOrman, President

Buzzy Nielsen, Library Director

Exhibit A - Code of Conduct

Hood River County Library District wants to make sure that our libraries are safe and welcoming environments for everyone. To do this, we ask that you please follow these few rules while using the library.



While anywhere on library property, please:

- Ask for help when you need it.
- Let us know if the library does not have the item or service you want.
- Ensure that children under the age of 10 are supervised by an adult.
- Be courteous to other patrons and staff.
- Keep your animals leashed and otherwise under control and properly clean up after them.
- Do not leave your animals unattended.
- Do not destroy, deface, or abuse library property or remove it without permission.
- Do not be disruptive, disorderly, or harass other patrons, staff, or wildlife.
- Do not smoke or use tobacco products.
- Do not sleep excessively, camp, or loiter.
- Do not distribute materials or display signs anywhere except in designated areas.
- Do not solicit or advocate for any purposes except in designated areas.
- If soliciting or advocating in designated areas, do not
 - Display signs unless temporarily as part of an event;
 - Block or significantly limit access to paths, streets, sidewalks, and building entrances; or
 - Attach materials to vegetation, structures, or furnishings.
- Do not use skateboards, skates, rollerblades, or bicycles.
- Do not litter.
- Do not build or attempt to build fires, unless permitted as part of a library program.

While in library buildings, please:

- Wear appropriate clothing, including shoes and shirts.
- Keep beverages in covered containers.
- Do not consume food in the computer areas, unless permitted as part of library programming.
- Keep your conversations and personal devices at a volume that does not disturb others. Please use headsets or headphones with your personal electronic devices.
- Do not consume alcohol, unless permitted as part of library programming, or be intoxicated.
- Do not bring animals into the building, other than service animals or those involved in library programs.
- Do not bring into the library anything which creates an obstacle or takes up seating.
- Do not run.
- Do not disturb other library patrons or staff through extremely strong odor or poor personal hygiene.

In addition to the above, any violation of local, state, or federal statutes will be regarded as a violation of District rules. Violations of the Code of Conduct will be handled in accordance with the District's Use Restrictions Policy and relevant local, state, and federal laws. Hood River County Library District reserves the right to eject or suspend or revoke privileges of those individuals who violate District rules. In addition to the sanctions imposed by the District, further sanctions may be pursued as determined by law.

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