



Acceptable User Behavior

Policy Statement

The UMD Library is committed to providing all users with an environment that is safe, well-maintained, and conducive to study and research. All users are expected to engage in behavior that is respectful of the facilities, materials, and rights of others. Users are also expected to abide by all relevant University policies, the UMD Student Conduct Code, and relevant federal, state, and municipal laws. Entering the UMD Library represents a tacit agreement to treat library staff, other library users, the facilities, and materials with respect and to behave in a manner that is acceptable in an academic environment.

Users are also expected to refrain from:

- Engaging in disruptive behavior. Disruptive behavior includes, but is not limited to:
 - Assaulting or intimidating Library staff or patrons through language or actions.
 - Creating excessive noise or commotion or interfering with the use of the library by others.
 - Refusing to leave the Library complex at closing time.
 - Entering areas of the library marked “Staff Only.”
 - Engaging in sexual harassment and/or overt sexual behavior.
 - Being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, and selling, using or possessing alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Marking materials with pencil, ink, post it notes, tape, paper clips, bending corners of pages and laying books open facedown.
- Ripping or cutting pages out of materials. Users are expected to make copies instead.
- Eating food and using tobacco products in the library. Drinks are permitted in spill-proof containers and pop-up sports bottles.
- Altering setups on library computer equipment.
- Taking materials out of the library without first checking them out.
- Defacing library furnishings, walls, and equipment.

Young children must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or over). Unsupervised access could result in exposure to information or images that parents may find inappropriate for their children. It is prohibited to leave children or vulnerable adults unattended in the library.

Rationale

The University of Minnesota is a land grant institution, which means our collections are accessible to the general public. However, our primary focus is our current faculty, staff, and students. UMD Library is committed to providing a comfortable learning environment for all users. It is expected that people using the UMD Library will be respectful of others.

Enforcement

Anyone engaging in disruptive behavior may be asked to leave and may be denied further access to the UMD Library.

Library employees are authorized to refer students who are uncooperative to the Student Conduct Code Coordinator. Library employees also are authorized to call Campus Police when people are uncooperative.

Related Information

- Regents Policy. [Student Conduct Code](#)
 - [UMD Student Conduct Code](#)
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