

Library Policy Governing Use and Conduct

Tomlinson Library fosters academic success and excellence through its professional and support staff, who provide information literacy instruction and actively develop quality services, resources and facilities.

To achieve this mission, the library has adopted the following policies governing use of the facility. Library staff is authorized to ask any patron who abuses the following policies to leave the library. If the patron does not comply, Grand Junction Police will be called.

ANIMALS

With the exception of service animals, animals are not permitted in the Library.

BEVERAGE, FOOD and TOBACCO USE

- Food is allowed in the entire Library except for Special Collections and Archives.
- Use of tobacco in any form is prohibited in the building

CELL PHONES

- For your convenience, cell phone rooms are available on the second and third floors, rooms 203 and 302.
- Phone conversations are not permitted in any designated Quiet Study Area.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF LIBRARY RECORDS

In accordance with the LIBRARY RECORDS CONFIDENTIALITY ACT OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, all Library registration and circulation records are considered confidential information. Colorado Revised Statutes #24-90-119 reads: (1) Except as set forth in subsection (2) of this section, a publicly-supported library shall not disclose any record or other information that identifies a person as having requested or obtained specific materials or service or as otherwise having used the library.

CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR

Library staff will notify law enforcement authorities concerning any criminal behavior in the Library including, but not limited to, theft, vandalism, exhibitionism, assault, or verbal threats. Egregious or persistent violations of this conduct policy will be treated as criminal behavior.

DAMAGE TO LIBRARY PROPERTY

- Any behavior which may damage Library equipment, collections, or facilities is strictly prohibited.
- Protection of Library materials is defined under Colorado Revised Statutes #24-90-117 THEFT OR MUTILATION and #18-4-509 DEFACING PROPERTY

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR

The Library does not permit behavior that is incompatible with the use of the Library. Such behaviors include, but are not limited to:

- Creating excessive noise, including use of portable audio devices at levels which could disturb other patrons.
- Using skateboards or skates either inside or immediately outside the library
- Posing a sanitary or health risk to others
- Not wearing shirts and shoes
- Any hostile or rowdy behavior, including but not limited to fighting, threatening, intimidating, or abusing Library staff or patrons with words or actions
- Overt signs of substance abuse, including drunkenness
- Bringing excessive amounts of personal property - including, but not limited to, bicycles, bedding, and other large items - into the Library
- Overt sexual behavior
- Entering areas of Library reserved for CMU employees.
- Passing or distributing petitions, pamphlets or other materials to Library patrons or staff.
- Buying or selling goods or services, or soliciting donations of any kind.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

- The Library has no facilities for the secure storage of personal property and will not be responsible for lost property.
- Please inquire at the circulation desk for lost or found items.
- Do not leave personal belongings unattended.

UNATTENDED CHILDREN

- For the convenience of families, there is a family room designated for students with children on the second floor, room 208.
- Patrons with children are welcome, but children may not be left unattended in the Library.
- Children are expected to use the Library in a quiet, orderly manner.
- Disruptive behavior could result in children as well as the responsible adult being asked to leave.