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### **Transylvania County Library Library User Code of Conduct**

The Transylvania County Library encourages people of all ages to visit the Library. Those using the Library and its resources have the right to expect a safe, comfortable environment that supports appropriate library services.

- Alcohol or illegal drugs may not be brought into the Library or onto Library grounds, nor may persons under the influence of either use the Library.
- Weapons of any type are not allowed in the Library.
- Animals other than guide dogs and other assistive animals may not enter the Library except as authorized by the Library Director.
- Disorderly conduct in public buildings or on the surrounding grounds or premises is a misdemeanor in accordance with NC General Statute 14-132. Transylvania County policy states that the Sheriff's Department will be contacted. NCGS 14-132 also prohibits marking on, defacing, or injuring the walls of any public building or facility, or any statue or monument situated in any public place.
- Sleeping, lying on furniture or floors, putting feet on furniture or walls is prohibited.
- Harassment toward staff and other patrons is not allowed. Harassing behavior includes, but is not limited to, staring at or following another person, unwelcome physical contact, abusive language and verbal propositions.
- Personal hygiene shall conform to the standard of the community for public places. Patrons whose bodily hygiene is so offensive as to cause a nuisance to others shall be required to leave the building. Patrons are expected to wear appropriate clothing while using library facilities, including shirt and shoes.
- The use of all forms of tobacco is prohibited in the library.
- Damage or defacement of library materials or attempted theft of library property will be prosecuted according to NC General Statute 14-398.
- Solicitation of any sort is prohibited.
- Food and drink are not allowed in public areas within the library except as authorized by the Library Director.
- Abusive language or behavior will not be tolerated in the library.

- Disruptive behaviors including, but not limited to: noisy, boisterous actions, running or loud talking, misuse of library property, uncooperative attitude, or actions that annoy others or prevent the legitimate use of the library and its resources are not allowed.

Those who violate the code of conduct will be required to leave the library property if the behavior is repeated after one warning from library staff.

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## North Carolina General Statutes

### § 14-132. Disorderly conduct in and injuries to public buildings and facilities.

(a) It is a misdemeanor if any person shall:

- (1) Make any rude or riotous noise, or be guilty of any disorderly conduct, in or near any public building or facility; or
- (2) Unlawfully write or scribble on, mark, deface, besmear, or injure the walls of any public building or facility, or any statue or monument situated in any public place; or
- (3) Commit any nuisance in or near any public building or facility.

(b) Any person in charge of any public building or facility owned or controlled by the State, any subdivision of the State, or any other public agency shall have authority to arrest summarily and without warrant for a violation of this section.

(c) The term "public building or facility" as used in this section includes any building or facility which is:

- (1) One to which the public or a portion of the public has access and is owned or controlled by the State, any subdivision of the State, any other public agency, or any private institution or agency of a charitable, educational, or eleemosynary nature; or
- (2) Dedicated to the use of the general public for a purpose which is primarily concerned with public recreation, cultural activities, and other events of a public nature or character.
- (3) Designated by the Attorney General in accordance with G.S. 114-20.1.

The term "building or facility" as used in this section also includes the surrounding grounds and premises of any building or facility used in connection with the operation or functioning of such building or facility.

(d) Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. (1829, c. 29, ss. 1, 2; 1842, c. 47; R.C., c. 103, ss. 7, 8; Code, s. 2308; Rev., s. 3742; 1915, c. 269; C.S., s. 4303; 1969, c. 869, s. 7 1/2, c. 1224, s. 2; 1981, c. 499, s. 2; 1993, c. 539, s. 72; 1994, Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c).)

### § 14-398. Theft or destruction of property of public libraries, museums, etc.

Any person who shall steal or unlawfully take or detain, or willfully or maliciously or wantonly write upon, cut, tear, deface, disfigure, soil, obliterate, break or destroy, or who shall sell or buy or receive, knowing the same to have been stolen, any book, document, newspaper, periodical, map, chart, picture, portrait, engraving, statue, coin, medal, apparatus, specimen, or other work of literature or object of art or curiosity deposited in a public library, gallery, museum, collection, fair or exhibition, or in any department or office of State or local government, or in a library, gallery, museum, collection, or exhibition, belonging to any incorporated college or university, or any incorporated institution devoted to educational, scientific, literary, artistic, historical or charitable

purposes, shall, if the value of the property stolen, detained, sold, bought or received knowing same to have been stolen, or if the damage done by writing upon, cutting, tearing, defacing, disfiguring, soiling, obliterating, breaking or destroying any such property, shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00), be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. If the value of the property stolen, detained, sold or received knowing same to have been stolen, or the amount of damage done in any of the ways or manners hereinabove set out, shall exceed the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00), the person committing same shall be punished as a Class H felon. (1935, c. 300; 1943, c. 543; 1979, c. 760, s. 5; 1979, 2nd Sess., c. 1316, s. 47; 1981, c. 63, s. 1, c. 179, s. 14; 1993, c. 539, s. 265; 1994, Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c).)