Library Rules of Conduct
Approved by the Benbrook Board of Trustees,
March 21, 2016

Welcome to the Benbrook Public Library. We ask your cooperation in maintaining an environment conducive to reading and to enjoyable use of the Library for everyone. These rules are posted for the comfort and protection of all who use the Library.

While on Library property, the following behaviors are UNACCEPTABLE. Engaging in unacceptable behaviors may result in being asked to leave the Library. Police will be called if necessary, at the discretion of the senior librarian on the premises, to enforce these rules.

1. Firearms, illegal knives, and other weapons prohibited by law are banned from Library premises to the fullest extent permitted by law (Texas Penal Code, Title 10, Chapter 46)
2. Damaging, altering, or vandalizing Library facilities, equipment, or materials
3. Removing Library materials without properly checking them out
4. Abandoning, neglecting, or leaving young children unattended or otherwise violating the Children in the Library Policy
5. Harassing other Library users or Library staff, including physical, sexual, or verbal abuse
6. Possessing or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs
7. Eating, drinking at computer workstations, or using tobacco products inside the Library
8. Lack of appropriate and serviceable attire
9. Using electronic devices in a manner which disturbs other library visitors
10. Selling, soliciting, or panhandling
11. Seeking or collecting signatures on a petition without expressed permission of the Library Director
12. Distributing or posting printed materials or literature without expressed approval from the Library Director or his/her designee; nothing that is “for profit” may be posted
13. Bringing bicycles into the Library. Skates of any kind, skateboards, etc. may not be used in the Library
14. Blocking any entrance, exit, or aisle
15. Bringing any animals except service dogs into the Library
16. Bringing bedrolls, duffle bags, and other large luggage items into the Library
17. Improper use of restrooms, including but not limited to shaving, bathing, hair washing, and laundry
18. Being in the Library before or after Library operating hours without the expressed permission of the Senior Librarian on Premises,
19. Entering restricted Library areas without the expressed permission of Library staff
20. Offensive bodily hygiene that constitutes a nuisance to others
21. Prolonged sleeping that is disturbing to others
22. Indulging in a disturbance of the public peace by loud or aggressive behavior, boisterous behavior, running, profanity, or abusive language
23. Engaging in any indecent or obscene conduct or making any indecent exposure or gesture of one’s body
24. Engaging in acts which are subject to prosecution under criminal or civil codes of law
25. Viewing indecent or offensive materials as described in and prohibited by Texas Penal Code (Title 9, Chapter 43, Subchapter B)