

# **BARTON**

## **LIBRARY**

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### **Patron Conduct**

The Barton Library is dedicated to providing a welcoming and safe environment for all patrons. Our goal is to support academic needs and offer a place for relaxation. To ensure a positive experience for everyone, we have established the following guidelines for patron conduct:

#### **Patron Rights and Responsibilities**

- All Library users are entitled to enjoy library services, materials, and facilities without unreasonable interference.
- Patrons are expected to respect each other's rights to study and use library resources peacefully.

#### **General Conduct Expectations**

- Patrons must engage in appropriate behavior that promotes a safe and quiet atmosphere.
- Conduct that creates disturbances is not allowed.
- Patrons must not engage in illegal activities.
- Personal items should not obstruct pathways, and unattended belongings are not the Library's responsibility.

#### **Prohibited Behaviors**

- Actions that disrupt others or violate policies and laws will not be tolerated, including:
  - Loud noise or disruptive behavior.
  - Harassment or verbal abuse of staff or patrons.
  - Theft or vandalism of public and/or private property.
  - Indecent exposure or sexual conduct.
  - Bringing animals (except service animals) into the Library.
  - Using Library facilities for personal grooming or bathing.
  - Consuming alcohol or illegal substances.

#### **Enforcement and Consequences**

- Library staff will address inappropriate behavior based on the College's Student Code of Conduct.
  - If a patron behaves disruptively, staff may request that they leave. If needed, Campus Safety will be contacted.
  - Serious or repeated violations may result in suspension of library privileges.
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**Appeal Process:**

- Patrons may appeal Library decisions or actions by speaking with the director, or by sending an email or letter.

**Contact(s):** Director of Library and College Archives

**Related Forms:**

**Relevant Policies and Procedures:** [Policy 1610 – Code of Conduct](#); [Procedure 2611 – Student Code of Conduct](#)

**Relevant Guideline(s) and Plan(s):** [Animals in the Library](#); [Reinstatement of Library Privileges](#); [Suspension of Library Privileges](#); [Weapons](#)

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