

Behavior Policy

It is the policy of the Kellenberger Library to maintain a safe and pleasant study and work environment for both library users and library employees. While it is understood that a certain level of verbal interaction is necessary for conducting business within the library, all library users are expected to be considerate of others who are reading, studying, and working in the library, therefore keeping conversation to an acceptable and appropriate level and length for a library and work setting. Inappropriate and unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated.

The Kellenberger library considers the following to be unacceptable and inappropriate behavior on library premises:

- Violating student behavior and codes of conduct as outlined in the student handbook (available at the circulation desk or online)
- Conversation (including on cell phones) which can be heard from library offices or the circulation desk or that is bothersome to other users.
- Harassment for any reason (Harassment refers to unwelcome behavior that is offensive, fails to respect the rights of others, and interferes with work, learning, living, or campus environment.)
- Use of any sound-producing device in a way such that the volume level is disruptive to other users.
- Consumption and possession of beverages that do not contain lids
- Moving or rearranging library furniture or equipment without permission and without returning it to its proper location.
- Not disposing of trash or waste properly by using the available trash receptacles located throughout the library; leaving trash/food waste on tables or in study areas
- Any other behavior that is disturbing or offensive to other library users or employees.

Consequences of Violation of Policy

1st offense-patrons are told that they are in violation of the policy and how to correct the behavior.

Repeated warnings due to continued violation of the policy will result in offending patrons being asked to leave the library for the remainder of the day, which comes with an automatic referral to student development judicial affairs.

Subsequent referrals will include additional disciplinary action up to and including loss of library privileges for the remainder of the semester.

If the library staff determines that the misconduct poses a danger to the patron, others, or library property, or is otherwise blatantly offensive or disruptive, the patron will be asked to leave the library immediately without warning, and with an automatic referral.

Anyone refusing to leave the library when asked will be escorted out of the library by campus security. The library staff consists of library faculty, staff, and student assistants.