UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII - LEEWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARY

ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR POLICY

PURPOSE

In serving students, faculty, staff and campus visitors, Leeward Community College Library seeks to provide access to knowledge and learning through the use of library resources and facilities; to maintain a comfortable and safe environment for both library users and staff; and to protect library resources and facilities. Use of library resources and facilities is a privilege granted to registered students, faculty, and staff of Leeward Community College. Affiliated users and visitors whose needs for use reflect the educational mission of Leeward Community College are also welcome.

The exercise of these privileges must be consistent with the Library’s Acceptable Behavior Policy. This policy is designed to provide for a calm atmosphere for use of library resources and the facility and to prohibit interference with the use of library resources and the facility by others. This policy is also designed to prohibit activities inconsistent with the achievement of the library’s goals and objectives. Specifically, the policy describes behaviors that interfere with the privileges of users to access library resources and facilities; the maintenance of a comfortable and safe environment for both library users and staff; and, the protection of library resources and facilities. The policy also prohibits behaviors that interfere with library staff performance of duties and responsibilities.

Library users are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with this policy on acceptable behavior. Library users are also expected to abide by directives of library staff. Users who violate this policy on acceptable behavior may be referred to Campus Security for a resolution.

PROVIDING ACCESS TO LIBRARY RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

The following behaviors are inconsistent with the library’s objective of providing access to library resources and facilities:
- Engaging in selling of products and/or services that have not been approved by the Head Librarian
- Solicitation of funds
- Willfully blocking or obstructing library entrances, exits, stairways, aisles, or passageways
- Creating excessive noise
- Talking in general areas and group study rooms should be kept at a normal conversational volume.
- Cell phone conversations should be conducted in areas away from computers or study spaces such as the stairwells, or outside the building.
- Headphones may be used providing noise from headphones cannot be heard by other users.
- Use of library computing resources that is inconsistent with College and University policies on access and acceptable use of College computer and information resources (CCL Resources Policy and E2.210 - Executive Policy for the Use and Management of Information Technology Resources), the College’s Student Code of Conduct, or with the educational mission of the library (The library does not block access to any materials available through its electronic resources and the Internet.)

MAINTAINING A COMFORTABLE AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT

The following behaviors are inconsistent with the library’s objective of maintaining a comfortable and safe environment for both library users and staff:
- Bringing animals into the library. Animals trained to assist users with disabilities are permitted.
- Carrying weapons, except as permitted under federal, state, or local statutes.
- Remaining in or entering the library during those times when the library is not open to the public.
- Refusing to leave the library in a timely fashion at closing.
- Opening emergency exits or activating emergency alarms, except in cases of emergency.
- Entering non-public areas of the library.
- Using threatening, intimidating or abusive language.
- Engaging in sexual harassment. Using images, including computer images, to harass library users or library staff may also constitute sexual harassment.
- Engaging in behavior of a sexual nature.
- Accessing or distributing pornography.
- Engaging in violent behavior or making threats of violence.
- Engaging in physical or mental intimidation or harassment of library users or staff, including stalking.
- Engaging in boisterous conduct.
- Smoking and/or use of tobacco, including use of vapor cigarettes/e-cigarettes.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages or use of illicit drugs.
- Leaving young children unattended, including allowing young children to be disruptive.
- Use of in-line skates, skateboards or bicycles.
- Filming or photographing without permission. Requests from non-affiliated users must be made to the Head Librarian in writing at least two weeks in advance.

PROTECTING LIBRARY RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

The following behaviors are inconsistent with the library’s objective of protecting library resources and facilities:
- Vandalizing, damaging, destroying, or engaging in theft of library property (buildings, equipment, or collections)
- Mutilating library materials by marking, underlining, removing pages or portions of pages, removing binding, removing electronic theft detection devices or barcodes, or in any other way defacing library materials.
- Altering computer settings, software or peripherals.
- Improper use of library materials and/or facilities.
- Eating non-dry food and drinking from uncovered containers.
- Eating or drinking at the computer workstations or while using a library laptop.
- Improper disposal of food and drink items.
- Violations of federal and international copyright laws, or other pertinent federal, state or local laws, including regulations. Responsibility for the appropriate use of copyrighted and licensed materials lies with the user.
- Improper posting of notices without the Library’s permission.
- Refusal to present briefcases, book bags etc., for inspection upon activation of the detection alarm.
- Library staff will ask library users whose behavior is in conflict with this policy to stop such behavior. Should users fail to comply with such a request from Library staff, Campus Security may be contacted in order to take appropriate action. Violators of this policy may be subject to criminal prosecution and/or College discipline in accordance with Student Conduct Code Policy.

Behaviors described in the above policy on acceptable use are meant to be illustrative, rather than exhaustive, of the types of behaviors prohibited in the library. The library reserves the right to modify this policy in consultation with appropriate units of Leeward Community College.