

Library Rules and Regulations

Our priority is to provide and maintain a safe and welcoming environment for reading, learning, studying, and other Library activities. The John Mackintosh Hall Library therefore requires all visitors to comply with the rules which are posted for the comfort, safety and protection of all users. These rules will be administered by Library staff and security.

The following behaviour and activities are prohibited:

- Engaging in conduct that disrupts or interferes with normal operations, or that disturbs staff or visitors
- Acts that are subject to prosecution as per the laws of Gibraltar.
- Physical abuse, assault, indecent exposure, disorderly conduct.
- Harassing or using threatening behaviour.
- Using obscene, abusive or threatening language or gestures.
- Consuming or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- Engaging in sexual conduct or lewd behaviour.
- Smoking (including e-cigarettes).
- Damaging, destroying, defacing and misusing library property, tampering with security or safety devices.
- Viewing material deemed to be obscene, child pornography, harmful to minors etc.
- Soliciting, canvassing or petitioning (unless expressly permitted by Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar).
- Making unreasonable use of toilets, for the use of washing or bathing and to include the drinking of alcohol.
- Making unreasonable noise to include talking on a mobile phone or otherwise. (calls to be taken outside)
- Not wearing shoes or a shirt, or wearing clothing that exposes your body indecently.
- Sleeping, or putting your feet or legs on furniture.
- Offensive bodily hygiene that constitutes a nuisance to others.

- Leaving bags of any type unattended.

For security and comfort, the library will restrict the type of personal belongings that users may bring into the library with them. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A limit of two bags per person
- Luggage and shopping carts/ bags
- Musical instruments and their cases
- Animals (with the exception of service animals)
- Food and/or drink, with the exception of water in a closed bottle
- Personal transportation vehicles, to include, but not limited to, bicycles, electric scooters, skateboards, hoverboards, Segways

Spreading out personal belongings unrelated to the use of the Library services is also prohibited.

The library is not responsible for children left unsupervised on Library premises. Children will need to be supervised at all times by an adult.

Parents / guardians are responsible for monitoring the activities and for regulating the behaviour of their children.

Large groups that want to visit the Library need to obtain permission prior to their visit, so we can accommodate numbers.

Photography and recordings on Library premises will require prior written permission.

Visitors with disabilities: Library staff will, whenever possible, offer assistance and reasonable accommodation.

Wifi is free in the library.

Anyone known to have violated any of the rules may be asked to leave the Library. Severe offences may result in exclusion from all facilities, resources and services. Right of admission reserved.

