

Shannon Library User Expectations

Quiet Academic Environment

Shannon Library is the College's designated quiet academic space, which is recognized by the USask Libraries. It provides an environment for focused academic work, reading, research, and reflection. Users are expected to help maintain a quiet environment and to move conversations, group work, social activities, and other activities requiring sustained conversation to spaces elsewhere in the College intended for those purposes.

Respectful Environment

Users must treat library staff and fellow users with courtesy and respect. Harassment, intimidation, abusive language, threatening behaviour, or refusal to comply with reasonable staff directions may result in removal from the library or referral to appropriate College or University authorities.

Shared Use of Furniture and Study Spaces

Library furniture and study spaces are intended for shared use. Users must not use seating or study spaces in a manner that unreasonably restricts access by others, reserve spaces for extended periods while absent, or use furniture in a manner inconsistent with its intended purpose.

Food, Cleanliness, and Shared Environment

Shannon Library is a shared academic space intended to support study, reflection, and community. Food and beverages are permitted provided they do not disturb others, damage library property, or interfere with the use of the library by other users.

Users are expected to clean up after themselves, dispose of waste appropriately, leave study areas, seating, and tables ready for the next user, report spills or accidents to library staff as soon as possible, be considerate of others when choosing food and beverages, and avoid foods that are excessively noisy, messy, or strongly scented.

Library staff may ask users to relocate, remove food, or modify their activities when food consumption disrupts the study environment or creates health, safety, cleanliness, or operational concerns.

Personal Belongings

Personal belongings must not unreasonably restrict others' access to seating or study space, obstruct walkways or equipment, or create a safety, security, cleanliness, or operational concern. Users are responsible for their personal belongings while using the library.

The library is not responsible for the loss, theft, or damage of personal belongings left in the library.

Library staff may move unattended belongings when necessary to maintain equitable access to seating and study spaces, address safety or operational concerns, or comply with library procedures.

Appropriate Use of Shared Spaces

Library spaces are shared public and academic environments. Users are expected to use library furniture and facilities in a manner appropriate to the space and respectful of the comfort and reasonable use of others. Behaviour that is sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, disruptive, or otherwise inconsistent with a shared academic environment may be addressed by library staff.

Staff Directions and Space Management

Library staff may make reasonable decisions regarding noise, occupancy, seating, safety, cleanliness, and use of library spaces to maintain an equitable, safe, and academically supportive environment. Users are expected to follow reasonable directions from library staff.

Accessibility and Accommodation

These expectations apply to all library users while recognizing that approved accommodations may affect how an individual uses library spaces or services. Questions regarding accessibility or accommodation should be directed to the appropriate College or University accessibility services.

Questions or Concerns

Users who have concerns about the library environment (such as noise, or user conduct), require assistance, or observe a safety, cleanliness, or maintenance issue are encouraged to speak with the library desk assistant or staff member on duty.

Users who have questions or concerns about a library staff decision may request clarification from Corinne Mathews, manager of staff and public services at cmathews@stmcollege.ca.

Non-Compliance

Failure to comply with these expectations or with reasonable directions from library staff may result in appropriate action, including a request to modify behaviour, relocation within the library, temporary removal from the library, or referral to appropriate College or University authorities. Serious or repeated incidents may result in additional consequences under applicable College or University policies.