



## PRM-005 Use of the University Libraries

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**Applies To**

Academic Division The Medical Center

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**Reason for Policy**

To assist in maintaining a comfortable and safe environment that promotes free intellectual exploration, research, and learning.

**Definition of Terms**

**Terms**

There are no terms that require definition.

**Policy Statement**

The University of Virginia Library system seeks to provide all patrons with a welcoming, comfortable, and safe environment that promotes free intellectual exploration, research, and learning. In their use of the libraries, patrons must comply with policies specifically applicable to and posted at individual libraries such as Darden, Law, and Health Sciences. Central grounds libraries are regulated by specific policies found at <http://www.library.virginia.edu/policies/>. Members of the general public, “community patrons,” are welcome to use library facilities.

Library patrons are expected to respect the rights of others to use library resources and facilities in a quiet, clean, and peaceful atmosphere and to respect and care for all library materials, equipment, and property. Library patrons must not engage in disruptive activity or other behavior that interferes with the normal use and operation of the libraries (see <http://www.library.virginia.edu/policies/use-of-the-library/> for specific library use policies applicable to central grounds library facilities). Use of the UVA libraries is a privilege, not a right.

The UVA libraries prioritize certain services, resources, and space to the University community and affiliated researchers. In particular, library computers are limited in number, and often in high demand. Therefore, priority use of library computers is reserved for students, faculty, and staff engaged in education-related activities.

**Compliance with Policy:**

Failure to comply with library policies may be grounds for removal from the UVA library system on a temporary or permanent basis, removal from the University Grounds for trespass, or the filing of criminal charges.

Questions about this policy should be directed to the [University Librarian](#).

**Related Information**

[PRM-017: Duties Toward Speakers and Use of University Facilities or Property](#)

**Major Category** [Physical Resource Management](#)

**Next Scheduled Review** Tuesday, February 10, 2009

**Revision History**

Added Compliance section 12/17/21.

**Applies To Text**

Academic Division and the Medical Center (University libraries' patrons: students, faculty, staff and visitors).

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