

Access and Privileges Policy

Policy Information

Issuing Office

Jerry Falwell Library

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Affected Parties

Library Customers

Policy Language

The Jerry Falwell Library will be open according to the posted hours of operation which can be found at www.liberty.edu/library. The library regularly closes for university-wide convocations and for library staff and faculty training events. Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities have been made in an effort to provide equal access for all including the use of the Osborne Assistive Learning Technology Center, which is open during operating hours.

The Jerry Falwell Library is staffed during operational hours. Doors are locked by Access Control when the building is closed. During times of inclement weather, the library may close for safety reasons. In emergency situations, customers are expected to adhere to the Jerry Falwell Library Emergency Preparedness Plan as it is implemented by library faculty and staff.

Customers visiting and using the Jerry Falwell Library facility are asked to be respectful of the facility and resources as well as the needs of others using the facility. Children should be accompanied by a responsible adult. Service animals are welcomed, but emotional support animals must remain outside of the library. Customers are expected to abide by the Liberty Way while in the facility.

Policy Rationale

The Jerry Falwell Library provides resources and spaces for customers who adhere to the conduct expectations of Liberty University for the purpose of individual and collaborative learning, discovery, and scholarship as well as academic events and activities that support the Liberty University community.

Definition of Glossary Terms

Service Animals: Service animals are defined by the Office of Disability Accommodation Support and must be a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of someone with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.

Procedural Information

Procedures

Jerry Falwell Library employees will provide basic technology assistance to customers but will refer customers to the IT Helpdesk for advanced assistance. Library employees will enforce the university's Printing Services Policy as defined by Liberty University Auxiliary Services.

Library personnel will monitor the library spaces to ensure that customers use the facility and its resources in accordance with the Liberty Way and the library's policies. Employees will execute procedures as outlined in the library's Emergency Preparedness Plan in the event of an emergency.

Sanctions

Failure to conform to this policy may result in loss of privileges to use the facility and its resources.

Exceptions

None

Emotional Support Animals: Emotional support animals are defined by the Office of Disability Accommodation Support as assistance animals that are not service animals but provide emotional support that alleviates one or more identified symptoms or effects of a person's disability. Animals whose sole function is to provide comfort, emotional support, companionship, or improve the well-being of the student do not qualify as service animals under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and, thus, do not meet the definition of a service animal under this policy.