

At its meeting of February 18, 1991, the Academic Senate approved the following Policy Recommendation presented by George Moore for the Curriculum and Research Committee.

### **LIBRARY USERS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Whereas, Users of the library have a right to a library environment free of disruptive activity, and

Whereas, Users of the library have a right to confidential access to library materials, and

Whereas, Users of the library have a right to library materials that are complete and not defaced, and

Whereas, Users of the library have a right to surroundings free from tobacco smoke, food, beverages, and resulting problems, most notably infestation by insects and vermin, and

Whereas, Users of the library have a right to quiet areas for individuals to study and to engage in research, and

Whereas, Ensuring a pleasant and productive environment for study and research for all users requires that each user of the libraries follow the SJSU Library Users' Rights and Responsibilities Policy; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Academic Senate approves SJSU Library Users' Rights and Responsibilities as University Policy.

**ACTION BY THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Approved by President Gail Fullerton on  
March 16, 1991.**

**SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY  
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- library materials that are complete and not defaced,
- surroundings free from tobacco smoke, food, beverages, and resulting problems, most notably infestation by insects and vermin,
- quiet areas for individuals to study and to engage in research.

Ensuring a pleasant and productive environment for study and research for all users requires that each user of the libraries follow the SJSU USERS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES POLICY and refrain from the following activities:

1. Talking or noise in the areas designated as quiet study areas on Clark Library fourth and fifth floors and Wahlquist Library study areas on second and third floors.
2. Bringing food or beverages into the library public service areas, study areas, and bookstacks.
3. Smoking in the library.
4. Cutting, defacing, ripping, or tearing pages from any library materials.
5. Mutilating or destroying records, compact disks, computer software or other library media material.
6. Removing library books, magazines, other materials, or library property without proper library check-out.
7. Soliciting in the library, i.e., asking people for money, to sign petitions, and so forth.

The library will actively pursue disciplinary action and other legal action for the offenses listed above. Misuse of the library, whether by theft or mutilation of library materials, or by interference with the study and research activities of library users, shows a disrespect for the rights of members of the university community. Persons who commit or attempt to commit offenses stated in the SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CONDUCT CODE and the LIBRARY USERS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES POLICY may be asked to leave the library and the campus, may be subject to the sanctions of warning, fines, restitution, forfeiture of library use, suspension, expulsion, and prosecution, and may be accountable to the University and to city, state, or federal authorities.