Blueprint Behaviors in the Goodson Law Library

Respect for others and collaboration in common goals are principles of the Duke Law Blueprint. The Goodson Law Library is a special place in the life of the law community with various “places” to accommodate quiet study, group projects, collaboration and conversation. Community use of the library requires your cooperation and responsibility in sharing library spaces and keeping them clean.

No parking in library carrels
Our open carrels are shared and made available equally to all students. Please make carrels available to others when you are not actively using the space by clearing the surface and taking personal items with you. Keeping the carrel surface cleared is also necessary for regular cleaning.

Only books checked out to a carrel (with green slip) or borrowed from another library may be stored on the shelf. ANY other items left in carrels (e.g. papers, notebooks, personal equipment) are subject to removal to Lost and Found after 24 hour notice.

Enjoy meals outside the library
Study breaks are good for you! We encourage you to take a break and enjoy your meals outside the library. Food is permitted in the library as long as you as a community clean up after yourselves by promptly discarding and removing food, drinks and trash in the provided receptacles. Please be considerate of your neighbors. While you may be enjoying your french fries, bananas, or pizza, the odors, trash and residue are often a source of interference with the enjoyment and concentration of others, and are a potential cause of fruit fly or other bug invasion.

Food of any kind left unattended or stored anywhere in the library is subject to removal and disposal without notice.

Keep conversation in the Reading Room
Collaboration with fellow students and quiet individual study are both important in learning. Signs for Quiet Zones and Collaboration Zones are posted throughout the library. The third floor Reading Room is the place for conversation-level talking and collaborative interactions. Sound travels far in the library, so protect your privacy and be considerate of others in using your cell phone.

What if everybody did that
As an overall guideline to appropriate library behavior, practice civility and be thoughtful about how your activities affect others. Be gentle to the furnishings and mindful of general etiquette.

Build a library culture that is for the common good.

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