

Conduct of Patrons on Library Premises

A Public Library is created for the use of every member of the community. The Public Library provides a place for reading, study and enrichment. All staff members are responsible for keeping the Library environment as pleasant and safe as possible. This includes discouraging and handling behavior that disrupts others.

Inappropriate Behaviors shall include, but are not limited to, the following conduct or behaviors:

1. Patrons are expected to respect the Library and its property. Patrons shall not deface or mar books, magazines, or other items of the Library collections, nor shall they deface, mar, or in any way destroy or damage Library furnishings, walls, computers, machines or other Library property.
2. All Library materials which are to be removed from the building must be checked out. Theft or attempted theft of Library materials may be cause for prosecution.
3. Patrons are expected to dress appropriately while on Library premises. Shirts and shoes are required while on Library premises.
4. Patrons are expected to talk quietly. Excessive socializing is inappropriate and will be discouraged. Joint study participants are asked to converse softly and may be asked to relocate if their activity disturbs others.
5. Patrons shall not interfere with the use of the Library by other patrons or interfere with Library employees' performance of their duties. Running, fighting, roughhousing, vulgarity, or displaying disruptive behavior is not permitted in the Library, including the rear deck. The use of alcohol and other drugs is not permissible on Library premises.
6. Library entrances, exits, doorways and aisles, are to be kept clear of obstructions at all times for the safety of patrons and staff. A limited number of strollers may be permitted in the Children's Room at the discretion of the staff member in charge.
7. Use of tobacco products including e-cigarettes is prohibited throughout the library building and on library property, within 100 feet of entrances and exits. NYS Public Health Law 1399.
8. Animals, with the exception of certified seeing-eye or service dogs, are not permitted inside the Library. Animals shall be attended at all times while on Library premises.
9. Cell phones should be set to silent/vibrate or turned off when entering the library. Customers may quietly answer phones inside the library, but must take all conversations to the lobby or outside. **The telephone located on the Circulation Desk is for brief outgoing calls only. Patrons should refrain from conducting personal business while using this telephone. The library's telephone number may not be used as contact information.**

10. Eating is prohibited in the Library. Drinking from containers with secure tops or lids is allowed, except near Library equipment and computers.
11. Personal audio systems with headphones may be used at a level which is not audible to others. Sports equipment (skateboards, roller blades, etc.) shall not be brought onto Library premises.
12. The Library assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen property.
13. Parents/Guardians are responsible for the safety of their children. The Library takes no responsibility for the safety of children left unattended. Children 10 and under must be supervised by a responsible adult/caregiver at all times. Parents/Guardians must supervise their children, including in the public rest rooms. Diapers may be changed only in the rest rooms.
14. Parents/Guardians of children attending preschool programs are required to remain on library premises during the program.
15. Parents/Guardians are expected to be aware of the Library's hours of operation and to pick up young people prior to closing. In the event a child is left after the Library is closed, the Florida Village or State Police may be contacted to provide supervision.
16. It is the responsibility of the staff of the Library to assist patrons with their information needs. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to provide supervision for their children while on Library premises.

Any person who violates the Library rules and regulations shall be denied the privilege of access to the library. All staff members have the right to deny access to the Library if in their judgment, these policies have been abused. Access to the Library may be reinstated at the Library Director's discretion.

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