



Library Code of Conduct

Our library is a unique gathering place for the promotion of literacy, life-long learning and the exchange of ideas. We welcome people of all ages and abilities. As a public library, we respect your individual rights, while recognizing that they must be balanced with the rights of others, including library staff and other library patrons.

To ensure a happy, healthy and safe environment for everyone in the library please:

- Follow the policies and procedures that have been developed for the fair and consistent delivery of our services.
- Directly supervise individuals in your care.
- Dress in a publicly acceptable manner, including both clothing and footwear.
- Advise library staff of inappropriate activity or violations of the Rules of Conduct that you witness.
- Follow guidelines in the library's waiver when accessing the Internet
- Be polite and civil to library staff and other patrons.

Thank-you for not:

- Damaging, stealing, and misusing any library, staff, or patron property.
- Engaging in any form of behaviour that is disruptive, or prevents other patrons from enjoying the library.
- Possessing, be under the influence of, alcohol or controlled substances on library premises.
- Using electronic devices without earphones in a disruptive way inside the library.
- Soliciting, selling, or engaging in any illegal activity or unauthorized commercial activity.
- Taking library materials in the public washrooms, and/or using the washroom for bathing or washing clothes.
- Exhibiting personal hygiene which is offensive and/or a health risk to others.
- Bringing animals, other than assistive animals, into the library, or leaving animals unattended at library entrances.

Consequences. Depending on the severity and frequency of the violation, the Library may:

- Request proof of identity
- Inspect your bags, briefcase, purses
- Request you to stop the inappropriate activity
- Take away relevant library privileges
- Fine you for repairs/ replacement costs
- Advise the appropriate authorities
- Pursue legal action
- Ban you from the library property
- Take other appropriate actions

