



New Rochelle Public Library Code of Conduct Policy

Rules and Regulations for Public Behavior

The New Rochelle Public Library is a community resource that seeks to improve the life of every resident in our city. It is dedicated to encouraging learning in all stages of life, to protecting intellectual freedom and to providing fair and equal access to information, without discrimination, intimidation, threat of harm or invasion of privacy. The New Rochelle Public Library is dedicated to providing friendly, courteous and respectful service and a clean and comfortable environment for all Library users.

Examples of prohibited activities include but are not limited to:

- Creating unreasonable noise and engaging in boisterous activity or loud and disruptive talking on the phone
- Using profane, obscene or abusive language, including but not limited to hate speech based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation
- Sleeping
- Eating or drinking except for events as authorized by the Director
- Using audible devices without headphones or using headphones set at a volume that disturbs others. Using any communication devices in a manner that disturbs others
- Running, pushing, fighting or shoving
- Intentionally damaging, destroying or stealing any materials, equipment or property belonging to the Library, another patron or staff member
- Soliciting, panhandling or gambling on Library property
- Adult card or board games on Library property unless authorized by Library administration
- Trespassing or entering Library property when banned or when the library is closed
- Leaving children under ten years of age unattended
- Bringing into the Library oversized bags, suitcases, bags with wheels, or four-wheeled carts that impair clear access to aisles, stairways, walkways and seating.
- Operating roller skates, cycles, skateboards, scooters or other similar devices (except mobility devices) inside the Library
- Failing to comply with a reasonable staff request or failure to leave the Library during emergencies and at closing time
- Blocking aisles, stairs, exits or entrances
- Smoking, chewing tobacco or other tobacco or e-cigarette use
- Improper dress including not wearing foot wear (except when medically necessary) or a shirt/top
- Personal hygiene that poses a health risk, including offensive odors that reasonably interfere with the use of the library by other patrons or the work of Library staff members.
- Spitting
- Using restrooms for bathing, shaving or washing of clothes

- Bringing animals inside Library buildings, with the exception of certified service animals and those allowed during special Library programs
- Use, possession or brandishing of weapons or items that could cause potential harm.
- Possessing, selling, or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs
- Sexual, physical, or other harassment
- Engaging in peeping, stalking, or indecent exposure

Enforcement of the Library Use Policy

Enforcement of the Library Use Policy will be conducted in a fair and reasonable manner. Library staff, security personnel and/or the New Rochelle Police Department will intervene to stop prohibited activities and behaviors. Individuals who fail to observe the Library Use Policy may be asked to leave the Library building and property, be banned from the Library for a period of time, be subject to arrest, or be subject to other lawful action.

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