

Library Conduct Policy

The Dunstable Free Public Library is committed to promoting an enjoyable and safe environment where patrons and staff can fully benefit from and utilize the Library's resources and services. Use of the Library requires respect for others who are also enjoying the Library facilities and services. This policy is designed to promote the appropriate use of the Library.

The following conduct is strictly prohibited on Library property:

1. Use of tobacco products, cannabis, and alcoholic beverages
2. Possession or use of unlawful controlled substance
3. Interfering with the use of the library or its resources by library patrons or interfering with Library employees' performance of their duties
4. Destruction of property, including but not limited to books, any part of the library facility, other patron's property, etc.
5. Creating a disturbance by making noise, talking loudly or engaging in disruptive conduct
6. Willfully annoying, harassing, or threatening another person
7. Bringing any animal into the library building other than a guide dog or service dog
8. Leaving a vulnerable adult* or child under the age of 10 unattended
9. Running, pushing, shoving or rambunctious activity
10. Eating and drinking at the computer workstations
11. Entering the Library without shoes or a shirt, with offensive body odor or personal hygiene, or being otherwise attired so as to be disruptive to the Library environment

* A vulnerable adult is an adult who should not be left alone in the Library or is unable to reasonably care for themselves in an emergency situation. This includes adults who need staff help beyond assistance with normal library services.

Violation of the Library Conduct Policy is at the discretion of the Library Director (or library staff designation) and may result in financial restitution, expulsion from the library and/or forfeiture of library privileges.

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