

Wallingford Public Library Visitor Code of Conduct

The Wallingford Public Library exists to provide open access to its resources and services. Library patrons are expected to respect the rights of other patrons and the staff. It is the policy of the Wallingford Public Library to require that all patrons act in a manner that does not interfere with the functioning of the Library's code of conduct as set forth below.

- Quietness - Intermittent conversation, at a low level, is permitted. Loud or continuous conversations or those disruptive to others is considered inappropriate behavior. Quiet cell phone conversations are permitted as long as they do not disturb others.
- Proper attire including shoes and shirts is required.
- In accordance with Connecticut state law, children under the age of 12 should have a responsible family member or caregiver available in the building while the child is using the library. Children under the age of six should not be left unattended in the Children's Room.
- Adults are allowed in the children's library when they are accompanying a child or when they require access to the children's collection.
- Beverages are permitted in covered containers. Food, except at special functions, may only be consumed in the lower lobby.
- The library is not responsible for personal items that are lost, stolen, or damaged on the premises. Personal items are not to be left unattended.
- Library staff may ask to examine patrons' backpacks, briefcases, handbags, and other packages or belongings to help assure compliance with the library's check-out procedures.
- If an offensive or noxious odor associated with a library patron interferes with the use of the library by others, the library staff may require such patron to relocate or leave the premises.
- Patrons may be asked to show staff members their library cards or other appropriate identification.
- Service animals specifically trained to aid a person with a disability are welcome. Pets and comfort animals are not permitted.

The following are strictly prohibited in the library and on its grounds:

- Smoking, vaping, use of e-cigarettes or tobacco products, alcohol, or illegal drugs anywhere on the premises.
- Littering.
- Making unreasonable use of the rest rooms, including laundering clothes and bathing.
- Damaging, defacing, or misusing any Library materials or property. This includes disabling library equipment, changing the hardware or software settings on a library computer, or using a library computer for a purpose other than that designated by the library.
- Weapons of any kind.
- Using a bicycle, skates, skateboard, scooter, or anything similar.
- Soliciting, petitioning, canvassing, or selling any goods or services.
- Disorderly conduct or any behavior which disrupts use of the library or interferes with the library's operation. Such conduct includes verbal or physical abuse; harassing or threatening behavior; using obscene or abusive language or gestures; and displaying, broadcasting, and/or webcasting content that is inappropriate in a library setting.
- Any unlawful behaviors.

Failure to adhere to these rules may result in loss of library privileges. Visitors who do not follow the library's Visitor Code of Conduct can be asked to leave and can lose their library privileges. They can also be arrested or be subject to other legal action.

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