

Wallingford Public Library Visitor Code of Conduct

The library exists as a center for research, study, educational programs, and leisure reading. To provide an atmosphere conducive to this purpose, the library has established the following code of conduct:

- Quietness - Intermittent conversation, at a low level, is permitted. Loud or continuous conversations or those disruptive to others are considered inappropriate behavior.
 - Cell phones should be silenced in the library. Quiet cell phone conversations are permitted only in designated areas.
- Proper attire including shoes and shirts is required. No face coverings except for medical or religious reasons.
- Small children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult to insure their safety and to minimize disturbances to other patrons.
- Adults are allowed in the children's library when they are accompanying a child or when they require access to the children's collection.
- Four persons per study table, one person per carrel.
- Consumption of beverages in covered containers only.
- 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 can inspect any of your property when you come in or leave.
- Library staff can ask visitors to show their Library cards or other ID at any time.

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

- Smoking, use of e-cigarettes or tobacco products anywhere on the premises.
- Consumption of food except at special functions.
- Using alcohol or illegal drugs.
- 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.
- Bodily hygiene that is so offensive that it interferes with another person's use of the library or with the library staff's performance of its duties.
- 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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