Newfield Public Library

Code of Conduct Policy

The Newfield Public Library seeks to provide a safe, secure, inclusive, and welcoming environment for patrons and staff. For that reason, behaviors that disrupt library services are not permitted. These rules apply to all public spaces in the library, on library property outside the library, any leased property or space being used temporarily, e.g. the Mason's pavilion, and online programs.

Because it interferes with the use of the library by others, is a health and safety hazard, or is not consistent with the mission of the library, the following behavior is not permitted:

- Excessive noise including disruptive cell phone use
- Bare feet
- Smoking in the library and on the library grounds
- Consuming of food or beverages except at approved events or areas
- Bathing or other inappropriate activities in the public restrooms
- Using rollerblades, skateboards or other sports equipment on the library grounds
- Blocking aisles so that access to library materials and services is prevented
- Loitering
- Soliciting
- Entering unauthorized workspaces
- Unauthorized video or photography on library property
- Misuse of the Internet (see Computer Use Rules)
- Causing damage to library materials or property
- Any discriminatory behavior
- Behavior at library events that takes away from the presentation or is distracting to the rest of the audience.
- Any other activity which interferes with the use of the library by others, is a health and safety hazard, or is not consistent with the mission of the libraryAny other activity which interferes with the use of the library by others, is a health and safety hazard, or is not consistent with the mission of the library

All serious offenses will be reported to the director or senior staff. Any illegal acts will be reported to the police.

Failure to comply with the above may result in the loss of library privileges. Only the Director or his/her designee is authorized to ban offenders from the library.

This Code will be posted for public display in the library and upon violation, patrons will be alerted to the Code by a library staff member and asked to comply.

Failure to comply with the library Code of Conduct will result in a request for the patron in violation to leave the library or event. This includes children who need space to calm down.

Failure to leave will result in the involvement of the Tompkins County Sheriff's Department or other appropriate law enforcement agencies, and the Newfield Public Library will file trespassing charges.

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