WadsworthLibrary

RULES OF CONDUCT POLICY

All people should be entitled to visit a positive and welcoming environment that is safe, free of harassment, bullying and discrimination. To support this sentiment, the Library Board rules and procedures to assure the safety of all individuals in the library and library property development and to assure that the use of the library is not obstructed by inappropriate behavior or actions.

Entering the library property implies agreement to abide by rules and policies established by the library. Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the library and/or loss of library privileges.

The library expects the following behaviors to be followed when visiting the library:

1. Interact with others in a considerate, patient, respectful, and courteous manner.
2. Promote equality and acceptance of people from diverse backgrounds.
3. Demonstrate a positive attitude.
4. Respect confidentiality and privacy.
5. Use appropriate language when communicating.
6. Utilize proper channels to express dissatisfaction. (i.e. Library Director or Board President)
7. Be respectful of property and facilities.
8. Follow library policies and procedures.

The following is a non-exhaustive list of behaviors that will not be tolerated on library property:

1. Disorderly or disruptive behavior on library premises.
2. Harassment of any individual on library property.
3. Leaving young children unattended. (Unattended Minor Policy)
4. Smoking on library property. (Tobacco Use Policy)
5. Defacing or damaging library materials, equipment, furniture or facility.
6. Loitering or soliciting on library premises.
7. Littering.
8. Absence of shirts or shoes.
9. Weapons, with the exception of police officers.

When a patron does not observe the Rules of Conduct, library staff will take the following progressive steps:

1. Issue a verbal warning, stating that the patron(s) will be asked to leave if the behavior in question does not cease.
2. Request that the patron(s) leave the Library.

3. Call the police.

If the disruptive patron is a child, refer to the Unattended Minor Policy.

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