

New Brunswick Free Public Library

Policy on Public Behavior

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So the Library can provide an atmosphere conducive to the appropriate use of its service and facilities, the public must comply with the following rules and regulations.

1. Library users must respect the rights and privileges of all other users. Behavior that inhibits library use by others is prohibited.
2. Talking is permitted only in quiet tones and low voices.
3. Improper conduct is prohibited. Conduct will be regarded as improper if it includes one or more of the following:
 - 3.1. Creating a public disturbance.
 - 3.2. Abusive language.
 - 3.3. Mutilating, damaging, or defacing Library property or materials or the property of others.
 - 3.4. Sexual acts.
 - 3.5. Smoking in any part of the building.
 - 3.6. Gambling and card playing. This rule excludes games that are part of Library sponsored programs or activities.
 - 3.7. Using a radio or tape/cassette player, portable television set, camera, typewriter, computer, etc. in a manner that can be reasonably expected to disturb others.
 - 3.8. Talking or singing in a manner that can be reasonably expected to disturb others.
 - 3.9. Possession in the library of alcohol, narcotics, or hallucinogens.
 - 3.10. Reasonable suspicion of intoxication or being under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance.
 - 3.11. Violation of any City ordinance or State regulation or statute.
4. Bare feet or a bare chest are prohibited in the library.
5. The consumption of food or beverages in areas of the Library open to the public except by recognized users of the meeting rooms is prohibited.
6. Animals, other than those assisting disabled persons, are not permitted in the Library.
7. Parents and caregivers are responsible for the behavior and supervision of their children in the library. No one shall leave children unattended on the Library premises for any extended period of time. The library is not responsible for the consequences of caregivers forfeiting their responsibilities. Library staff may refer to appropriate authorities those children who are left unattended in the library including children who may be truant.
8. Adults not accompanied by teenagers are permitted in the HomeWork Center during after-school hours only to select materials or with the express permission of the librarian in charge.

9. Adults not accompanied by children are permitted in the Children's Room only to select materials or with the express permission of the librarian in charge of the Children's Room.
10. No one shall sell or distribute any item on the Library premises. Solicitation of contributions or signatures, or the conducting of surveys or the solicitation of opinions for interviews is prohibited.
11. All Library materials must be charged out in accordance with established procedures before being taken from the Library.
12. All briefcases, handbags, notebooks, carryalls, overcoats, luggage, packages, and shopping bags are subject to inspection at any time by Library staff.
13. Library staff may request users who are disruptive to identify themselves.
14. Failure to comply with one or more of the Library's regulations may result in exclusion from the library or suspension of Library privileges.
15. Implementation. The librarian in charge of an area will decide when to request a patron to leave. Patrons will be warned first unless their behavior presents a danger to library patrons or staff or unless their behavior involves intentional damage.