

## **Code of Conduct Policy**

In order to ensure constructive use of Library facilities, materials, and services, as well as the personal comfort of all patrons, the Board of Trustees has established the following rules for use. While no list can be complete, any conduct that disrupts the library is prohibited.

The following activities are specifically prohibited:

- 1. Verbal or physical abuse of library staff and patrons.
- 2. Theft or damage to library property.
- 3. Noise disturbing to others such as singing, loud talking, playing audio equipment, or loud use of cell phones.
- 4. Consumption of food and beverages at library computers.
- 5. Running and/or roughhousing in the building.
- Soliciting for any purpose including gambling, games of chance, lotteries, raffles, or
  other means of seeking or obtaining funds in return for the chance to win a prize
  unless such activity has been specifically approved by the Wolfeboro Board of Library
  Trustees.
- 7. Trespassing in any area closed to the public.
- 8. Smoking, vaping, or consuming alcohol.
- 9. Leaving a child under 9 unattended.
- 10. Leaving personal property unattended.
- 11. Removing Library material or equipment from the premises that is not properly checked out.
- 12. Wearing inappropriate attire; shirts and shoes must be worn at all times.
- 13. Bringing animals, other than service animals, or animals used in a library program.

Parents should also be aware that the Library does not filter or block internet sites on public computers in accordance with The American Library Association's recommendation. ("Internet Filtering: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights", http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/interpretations/internet-filtering.)

Any person who fails to comply with the above provisions of the Code of Conduct may be asked to leave the library premises. Failure to leave will result in staff calling the police for assistance. Continued non-compliance may result in loss of Library privileges. Behavior that is illegal or that threatens the health or safety of other patrons, staff or volunteers will be reported to the police.

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