

PATRON BEHAVIOR POLICY

1. While on Babylon Public Library premises, patrons shall engage in reading, studying, using library materials, or similar activities associated with the use of a public library. Any patron not so engaged may be required to leave the premises.
2. Patrons shall not disrupt or disturb another's use of the library by:
 - (a) engaging in loud or boisterous activities;
 - (b) playing audio or video equipment so that others can hear it;
 - (c) singing or talking to others or in monologue such that patrons are disturbed;
 - (d) staring at another person such that the other could reasonably be considered to be annoyed;
 - (e) following another person about the premises such that the person followed is annoyed or disturbed; or
 - (f) possessing odor or bodily hygiene so offensive as to create interference with the use of the Library by other patrons or the performance of duties by Library staff;
 - (g) engaging in any other activity which within the discretion of supervising Library personnel constitutes an annoyance, disruption or distraction to patrons and the orderly and peaceful utilization of the Library.
3. Patrons are prohibited from smoking in all areas including vestibules.
4. Patrons are prohibited from defacing, damaging or destroying Library material, equipment and/or property.
5. Patrons are prohibited from eating or drinking in the Library except for designated programming.
6. Patrons are prohibited from rearranging Library furniture or utilizing one chair by more than one patron.
7. Patrons are prohibited from sitting or putting feet on Library tables.
8. Patrons shall not be permitted to enter the premises without footwear as well as both upper and lower body covering.
9. Patrons are prohibited from bringing any pets, with the exception of trained guide dogs, into the building.
10. For the safety of children, parents or guardians are expected to comply with the Library's policy for unattended children.

Library personnel will enforce these rules. Patrons not complying with these rules will be requested to leave the premises. Library personnel are authorized to call the police, if necessary.

During times of a public health emergency and/or infectious disease outbreak, all Library patrons and visitors will be required to wear a face covering in accordance with the library PPE policy and maintain 6 ft. of spacing from others at all times while on Library property. Additionally, all Library patrons and visitors will abide by all applicable federal, state and county regulations and guidance on social distancing and group gatherings. Failure to comply will constitute grounds for immediate ejection and other action deemed appropriate by the Director.

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