

# **Public Library of New London**

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

- I. The Public Library of New London will maintain an environment that is attractive, comfortable, and conducive to learning, enjoyment and a free exchange of ideas. To meet those ends, patrons are required to:
  - a. Comply with all library policies and with reasonable requests from all library staff members. Refusal to comply may result in removal from the library.
  - b. Follow the Public Library of New London Computer Policy.
  - c. Leave buildings at closing, and limit use of the Library to authorized areas only.
- II. Individuals will not engage in prohibited activities, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Physically or verbally abusive or threatening behavior.
  - b. Engaging in behavior that is potentially unsafe or harmful to others.
  - c. Creating any disturbances, e.g., disruptive noises, speakerphones, audible electronic devices, or using a tone of voice that exceeds the general volume of the library ambience.
  - d. Engaging in any sexual activities including, but not limited to, unwanted or inappropriate touching, unwanted or inappropriate advances, harassment, or indecent exposure.
  - e. Sleeping on library grounds.
  - f. Destruction or defacing of library property and/or the property of patrons. Incidents will be handled at the discretion of the library commensurate with the amount of damage. Minors found damaging property will have their guardians contacted. Police will be notified when extensive damage occurs.
  - g. Obstructing use of Library equipment or facilities, or deny access to Library materials through theft or deliberate misplacement.
  - h. Leaving children under eight years of age on library grounds without adult supervision.
  - i. Bringing animals other than service animals onto library grounds.
  - j. Smoking on library grounds, including our parking area.
  - k. Consuming food or beverages outside of designated areas.
  - l. Usage of rest room for unconventional purposes. Bathing, shampooing, and the washing of laundry are strictly prohibited. Use of rest rooms is limited to one person at a time with the exception of a parent or guardian accompanying children, or persons with disabilities.
  - m. Leaving personal belongings unattended.
- III. Enforcement

- a. Library patrons who fail and/or refuse to observe this Code of Conduct or other rules and regulations of the library shall be asked to leave the library premises. Library privileges may also be revoked. Library employees shall contact the New London Police Department if deemed appropriate.
- b. The above Code of Conduct is not intended to be a complete list of expected behavior. The Library Board, the Library Director, and Library staff reserve the right to take appropriate action against any other behavior which can reasonably be deemed to be offensive or disturbing to Library patrons or staff.

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