

Conduct in the Library

The Hudson Public Library provides a safe, comfortable environment conducive to the use of library materials and facility. The library is intended for the use of all members of the public. Patrons are expected to observe the rights of other patrons and staff members and to use the library for its intended purposes. Misconduct will not be allowed in the library.

Definition: Misconduct may include, but is not limited to:

- Interfering with the rights of individuals to use library materials, services and premises. Premises include the interior of the library building and the exterior on the lot on which the library building is situated.
- Interfering with the ability of the staff to conduct library business.
- Threatening the secure and comfortable environment of the library or those using the library.
- Willfully annoying, harassing, or threatening another person. Harassment includes any action taken or situation created that would be reasonably deemed to produce psychological or physical discomfort, embarrassment, or humiliation for others. Harassment is characterized by requests for sexual contact, unwelcome physical advances, or conduct (verbal or physical) of a nature that is intimidating, demeaning, hostile, offensive, or potentially dangerous to self or others.
- Endangering or potentially endangering the health or safety of others.
- Engaging in disorderly, loud, or boisterous behavior in a manner not in keeping with the atmosphere of the library.
- Using abusive or profane language.
- Theft, vandalism, or the deliberate destruction of materials, property, or the personal property of patrons or staff members.
- Maliciously accessing, altering, deleting, damaging, or destroying any computers, peripherals, computer system, network, computer program, or data.
- Impeding access to library resources, premises, or an area of the premises.
- Entering the non –public or locked areas, unless accompanied by a staff member or through prior authorization from a staff member.
- Using personal electronic devices without earphones or with earphones at an unreasonable volume.
- Using cell phones at a volume that is disruptive to others.
- Distributing or posting material without staff approval.
- Failure to respect every person’s right to privacy and safety. Photography and /or filming is legally permitted in public buildings. Filming private information of other patrons, including what they are checking out or viewing, and filming minors without parental consent is not allowed. Filming in staff areas is also not allowed.
- Soliciting of sales or selling to library patrons except at library-sponsored events.
- Using tobacco products inside the library.

- Bringing animals into the library, except those trained to assist individuals with disabilities or for library-sponsored events involving animals.
- Using alcohol on library premises.
- Using restroom facilities for activities other than their intended purpose.
- Conduct that otherwise violates municipal, state, or federal law or regulations.

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