

TOWN OF CHESTER LIBRARY RULES OF CONDUCT

The Board of Trustees and the Library Director of the Town of Chester Library believe that the patrons of the Town of Chester Library have the right to use the library materials and services without distraction or impediment from others; that patrons and staff have the right to a safe environment; and to materials and facilities that are in good condition.

On the premises of the Town of Chester Library, federal, state and local laws and ordinances are applicable.

Accordingly, no person shall engage in violent behavior; make unreasonable noise; use abusive or obscene language; physically or sexually harass others; obstruct pedestrian traffic; loiter; steal or damage library property; gamble; litter; or create a hazardous or physically offensive condition by any act that serves no legitimate purpose.

All patrons are expected to observe and respect the rights of other library users and staff

The library requires that patrons and staff maintain an environment conducive to study. All people on library premises are expected to be engaged in suitable educational, informational, or cultural activity.

Seating at library tables and chairs is limited to the number of persons for whom the furniture was designed. Unruly patrons are subject to the stipulations outlined in the library's "Policy and Procedure for Dealing with Habitually Unruly Patrons" policy. Parents must observe the library's "Unattended Children in the Library" policy. Copies are available at the desk.

The use of alcohol and illegal drugs is not permitted.

No animals are allowed in the library, except those which assist disabled people.

Taking surveys, asking people to sign petitions, distributing leaflets, and other similar activities are permitted only when authorized by the library. Soliciting donations is not permitted. Selling products or services is not permitted, except when authorized.

Patrons are asked not to sleep in the library. Proper attire, including shoes and shirts is required.

The telephone and copy machine are to be used by the library staff ONLY.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER LIBRARY

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