

HULBERT LIBRARY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD

RULES OF CONDUCT

The Hulbert Library of the Town of Concord serves as a center for information, education and entertainment. Under Article 5, Section 262 of New York State Education Law, the Board of Trustees of the Hulbert Library has adopted the following rules to ensure an atmosphere conducive to the safe and appropriate use of the services and facilities of the Library.

The following conduct is prohibited:

1. Engaging in disorderly conduct, fighting or challenging to fight, or using offensive words likely to provoke violence or using language that offends others
2. Disturbing other patrons, staff or volunteers including but not limited to disruptive behavior such as any loud, unreasonable and/or bothersome noises created by persons or devices
3. Interfering with staff or volunteers in the performance of their duties and persistent, unwelcome attention; obscene or threatening gestures such as staring at another person; or following another person on or around the premises
4. Carrying weapons of any kind
5. Possessing, distributing or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs
6. Engaging in sexual conduct and/or lewd behavior (e.g., exposure, offensive or inappropriate touching, or sexual harassment of other patrons, staff or volunteers)
7. Damaging, destroying, or stealing any Library property or the property of another patron, staff or volunteer
8. Bringing animals or pets into the library except those required to assist persons with disabilities or those involved in library programs
9. Selling and/or soliciting; petitioning
10. Distributing or posting materials/literature that have not been approved by the Library
11. Smoking cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless electronic cigarettes or using tobacco products on library property is prohibited
12. Eating or drinking in designated restricted areas
13. Making unreasonable use of the restrooms including bathing
14. Sleeping

15. Photography or recording on Library premises without Library permission
16. Absence of shirts and/or shoes
17. Distracting others because of strong odors of the body, cloths or belongings

Under Article 65, Section 3205 of New York State Education Law, each minor from six to sixteen years of age shall attend upon full time instruction. Accordingly, access to the Library during regular school hours is denied for minors between the ages of six and sixteen except for such minors who wish to access the federal depository collection or for such minors who are accompanied by a parent or guardian or school official, homeschooled, or otherwise lawfully absent from school. No children under 10 years of age may be left unattended in any library at any time. Library staff will not be responsible for children who have been left without adult supervision. Adult patrons who are not engaged in library activities that require materials from the children's area shall be asked to relocate to other areas of the library. The staff reserves the right to seek the intervention of appropriate law enforcement or social services agencies, as required by individual circumstances.

Persons whose actions violate these rules will be advised of their infraction(s). Failure to comply with the Library's established policies, rules and regulations or violations of local, state or federal law may result in immediate suspension of library privileges and, where necessary, civil liability and/or criminal prosecution.

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Policy Governing Unattended Children dated April 21, 1988.

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This policy supersedes the rules of conduct stipulations of all previously adopted Hulbert Library of the Town of Concord Board resolutions.