



Grand Island Memorial Library Rules of Conduct

Grand Island Memorial Library (library) patrons are required to comply with these Rules and Regulations.

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, aggression toward patrons or staff, obscene or threatening gestures
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; interfering with staff or volunteers in the performance of their duties and persistent, unwelcome attention such as staring at another person or following another person on or around the premises
3. Carrying weapons of any kind
4. Possessing, distributing or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs
5. Engaging in sexual conduct and/or lewd behavior (e.g., exposure, offensive or inappropriate touching, or sexual harassment of other patrons, staff or volunteers)
6. Engaging in discriminatory conduct in violation of the B&ECPL Equal Employment Opportunity and Anti-Harassment Policy
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 as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or those involved in library programs
9. Selling without library approval, soliciting, petitioning, unauthorized requests for money or items, including but not limited to panhandling
10. Distributing or posting materials/literature that have not been approved by the library

11. Vaping, smoking cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless electronic cigarettes or using tobacco or marijuana products inside of the library or within one hundred (100) feet of any entrances, exits, or outdoor areas of the Grand Island Memorial Library property in accordance with New York State Public Health Law Section 1399-O.
12. Eating or drinking in designated restricted areas: Various library spaces require permission from library staff for consuming food and drink. Eating is not permitted at public library computers or while using other library electronic devices, however covered beverages are acceptable.
13. Making unreasonable use of the restrooms including bathing, engaging in behavior resulting in unsanitary conditions or other health hazard, leaving refuse in areas other than designated receptacles
14. Sleeping or lying down
15. Photography or recording on library premises without library permission; photography or recording of library patrons without their permission
16. Entering the library without appropriate clothing, including absence of shirts and/or shoes.
17. Leaving children under **nine** years of age unattended in the library at any time. Children must be directly supervised by a parent/caregiver. Some library events may require that a parent/caregiver remain at the library. If a child is not picked up by end of library business hours, the parent/guardian may be contacted and/or police may be notified. Library staff members are prohibited from transporting patrons in their vehicles.

Library staff will not be responsible for children who have been left without adult supervision or other patrons who require supervised care. These rules are subject to the discretion of library staff who may apply them to patrons other than the ages stated if they deem it necessary.

Note: At designated times, specific areas of the library may be limited to children and their families/caregivers. Adults without children may be directed to other areas of the building. The staff reserves the right to seek the intervention of appropriate law enforcement or social service agencies, as required by individual circumstance if deemed necessary.

Patrons who 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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This policy supersedes the rules of conduct stipulations of all previously adopted Grand Island Memorial Library Board resolutions.