



Marilla Free Library Rules of Conduct

The Marilla Free Library serves as a public center for information, education, and entertainment. Under applicable provisions of the New York State Education Law, including Article 5, Section 262 of such law, the Board of Trustees of the Marilla Free Library has adopted these Rules of Conduct to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all library patrons.

Library patrons are expected to:

1. Respect other patrons and library staff.
2. Respect library property and property of others.
3. Obey the law and all library policies.
4. Comply with all lawful directives and requests from library staff.

Failure to comply with these Rules of Conduct or any other established library policy, rule or regulation, or violations of local, state or federal law, may result in immediate suspension of library privileges, including removal from library property, and/or, where necessary, civil liability and/or criminal prosecution. Persons who enter or refuse to leave library property after being removed may be charged with trespassing.

The following conduct is prohibited:

1. Engaging in disorderly conduct, fighting or challenging another person to fight or provoking others to 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; 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;
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, lewd behavior (e.g., exposure or inappropriate touching) or sexual harassment of another patron, staff member or volunteer;
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 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. Vaping, smoking cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless electronic cigarettes or using tobacco products inside of the Library , or within one hundred (100) feet of any entrances, exits or outdoor areas of the Library (in accordance with New York State Public Health Law Section 1399-O).
12. Skateboarding, rollerblading, roller-skating, bike riding, or other potentially dangerous or destructive activities.
13. Food and/or beverages from outside the Library brought in without prior approval;
14. Making unreasonable use of the restrooms including bathing;
15. Sleeping;
16. Photography or recording on Library premises without Library permission; and,
17. Absence of shirts and/or shoes.

No children under six years of age may be left unattended in the 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.

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