



## **Marilla Free Library**

### **Rules of Conduct**

The Marilla Free Library, established under the laws of the State of New York and chartered by the New York Board of Regents, is committed to provide residents of the Town of Marilla and of the County of Erie educational, recreational, and informational materials and services.

The Board of Trustees of the Marilla Free Library, under Section 262 of the New York Education Law, establishes the following rules in order to facilitate the broadest and most equitable use of its facilities. Library users 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;
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 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 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. Food and/or beverages from outside the Library brought in without prior approval;
13. Making unreasonable use of the restrooms including bathing;
14. Sleeping;
15. Photography or recording on Library premises without Library permission; and,
16. 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.

People 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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