

Agawam Public Library - Rules of Conduct

For the comfort and safety of all patrons, volunteers, and staff and for the protection of library property, the following actions are prohibited:

- Eating or drinking in the library. Bottled water & beverages including coffee with covers are permitted.
- Smoking, vaping, or consuming intoxicating substances in the library or on library grounds.
- Loitering near or obstruction of Library entrance / exit doors; obstruction of Library aisles or stairs; and loitering and/or soliciting in the Library or on Library grounds.
- Entering the library barefoot or without a shirt.
- Verbally or physically threatening or harassing other patrons, volunteers, or staff, including stalking, staring, and touching. Audible or excessive use of profanity is also prohibited.
- Use of audible devices without headphones or with headphones set at a volume that disturbs others. ***Please silence your cell phones and electronic devices while in the library.*** Cell phones may only be used in the stairwell or lobby of the Library.
- Stealing, damaging, altering, or inappropriate use of Library property. Littering or improper disposal of personal trash.
- Disruptive behavior such as fighting or challenging to fight, running, pushing, shoving, or throwing things; causing disruptive noises such as loud talking, screaming, or banging on computer keyboards.
- Lying down on any floor, table, or study carrel in the Library. Seating at tables, workstations, and chairs is limited to the number of persons for whom the furniture was designed.
- Entering private or staff – designated areas.
- Leaving personal belongings unattended.
- Use of skateboards, roller blades, and other sporting equipment in the Library or on Library grounds.

All visitors are asked to respect the Library's educational mission and are required to behave appropriately while on the premises. This is particularly important on the Lower Level where patrons expect an atmosphere conducive to reading, research and study except during specific Teen hours. **Anyone who does not comply with these rules is subject to removal from the building and/or restrictions of library privileges.**

Enforcement will be conducted in a fair and reasonable manner.

9/02/2014
Updated:
1/12/2024