Wallkill Public Library Patron's Rules of Conduct

The Wallkill Public Library welcomes everyone to use its collections and services. We strive to maintain a safe, enjoyable environment so that staff and patrons always feel comfortable and secure when they are on the grounds or in the building. To attain this goal, the Board of Trustees has approved a policy concerning behavioral expectations and prohibited activities. Patrons who do not abide by this policy may be required to leave the library.

Behavioral expectations

1. A parent, caregiver or a responsible person over 15 years old will accompany and monitor children under 10 years old.
2. Patrons will wear clothing appropriate to a public place including shoes and shirts.
3. Patrons will abide by library rules/hours of operation.
4. Patrons will remain in public areas of the library.

Prohibited Activities include:

1. Verbal or physical assault, harassment, or abuse.
2. Indecent or obscene conduct.
3. Following/stalking any individual.
4. Damaging or stealing Library/staff/patrons' property.
5. Loud, disorderly, or aggressive behavior.
6. Soliciting, selling of any kind, or distributing leaflets not approved by staff is prohibited.
7. Eating food or drinks, except as part of a library program.
8. Consumption, possession, or sale of alcoholic beverages or any controlled substance.
9. Operating audio equipment or using the audio option on computers so that others can hear. Headphones are available at the Circulation Desk.
10. Smoking in the library or on library property. This includes all tobacco products and e-cigarettes.
11. Violation of any federal, state, or city law.
12. Any behavior which infringes on the rights or safety of others to use or work in the library.

Enforcement

Violations of this policy or refusals to cooperate with the staff may result in a restriction or loss of Library privileges, including the privilege of access to the library. The staff will use its discretion in deciding when a situation requires that the police be notified.

Appeal

Any patron whose privileges have been restricted or denied may appeal the restriction or denial to the Library's Board of Trustees by submitting a written appeal to the President of the Board with a copy to the Library Director.

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