

DEER PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

ACCEPTABLE PATRON BEHAVIOR POLICY

Patrons utilizing the library facilities shall engage in reading, studying, using library materials or similar activities associated with the use of a public library. Any person not so engaged may be required to leave the library and surrounding premises.

Patrons are discouraged from engaging in an activity, which constitutes an annoyance, disruption or distraction to patrons and the orderly utilization of the library premises such as:

- Engaging in loud and boisterous activities
- Engaging in conduct which alarms or seriously annoys another person such as striking, shoving, kicking, unwelcome touching or otherwise subjecting another person to physical contact or threatening to do so.
- Engaging in unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.
- Making obscene gestures or using abusive language.
- Disturbing one or more persons by arguing, propagandizing or preaching.
- Playing audio or video equipment so that others are disturbed.
- Staring at another person or following another person about the premises such that the other person could reasonably be considered annoyed or disturbed.
- Smoking in the building
- Using a cellular phone and /or receiving phone calls or pages in the public areas of the library.
- Monopolizing public telephones.
- Congregating, soliciting, sleeping, drinking alcoholic beverages or using illegal drugs or possessing or using a dangerous weapon on library premises.
- Rearranging library furniture or defacing, damaging or destroying library material, equipment or property.
- Sitting on or putting feet on library tables.
- Entering the building without footwear as well as both upper and lower body covering.
- Evidencing bodily hygiene so offensive as to constitute a nuisance to other patrons.
- Leaving children under the age of 10 unattended on the premises. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by someone who is at least 16 years old, and has been designated by the child's parent or legal guardian, as the person responsible for the child while they are on library premises.

Library personnel and security officers will enforce these policies. Patrons not complying will be asked to leave. Library personnel and security officers are authorized to contact the police if necessary.

The Library Board of Trustees, on the recommendation of the Library Director, may deny any patron, who violates the library rules and regulations, the privilege of access to the library. Any patron whose privileges have been denied may have that decision reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

Amended & Reaffirmed: April 23, 2003 by Board of Trustees