

## ***Code of Conduct for Library Patrons***

*(approved by the Library Board of Directors, 7.24.2012)*

Patrons shall be engaged in activities associated with the use of a public library while in the building. Disruptive patrons and those not engaged in reading, studying or using library materials may be required to leave the building, in consideration of the rights of other patrons.

1. No eating, drinking, or sleeping in the Library. Covered beverages are permitted in the main reading areas ONLY.
2. Cell phones may ONLY be used in the lobby, and must be turned to silent mode while you are in the Library.
3. Offensive touching, sexual conduct, and obscene acts are PROHIBITED in the Library. Viewing of sexually explicit material on Library computers MAY result in PERMANENT loss of Library computer privileges.
4. Patrons may not engage in any illegal activity while on Library property. Patrons who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or who are selling, using, or distributing alcohol or drugs while in the Library will be subject to arrest.
5. Running in the Library and climbing on Library furniture/shelving are not allowed. Roller blades, bicycles, and skateboards may NOT be used anywhere in the Library.
6. In accordance with Connecticut State Law 53-21 a-c, any child under the age of 12 should have a responsible adult accompanying him or her. *(For additional information, see the Child behavior Policy, available in the Children's Department and on our website.)*
7. The Library is NOT responsible for loss of or damage to any personal items you bring into the Library, and Library management reserves the right to restrict/inspect bags, backpacks, etc.
8. Disruptive behavior, including but not limited to loud conversations, use of profanity or abusive language, and harassment of Library staff, WILL result in you being asked to leave. If you do not leave upon our request, the police will be notified for assistance.
9. Long overdue material BLOCKS your Library card from use, and you may neither borrow additional material nor use the Library computers until the material is paid for or returned.
10. All political activity MUST take place outside the Library.