

CODE OF CONDUCT

The staff of Mount Laurel Library strives to make the facility a warm, inviting and safe place for all people. This Code of Conduct has been developed to protect the safety of all library customers and staff and to protect library property.

Customers shall be engaged in activities associated with the use of a public library while in the building.

It is the individual's responsibility to demonstrate judgment, respect for others, and appropriate conduct while using library resources and facilities in person and online.

These are examples of unacceptable behavior:

- 1. Jeopardizing another's safety or ability to use the library, including:
 - a. Leaving a child unattended at the library
 - b. Interfering with another person's use of the library
 - c. Interfering with the library personnel's performance of their duties
 - d. Threatening or physically harming staff or customers
 - e. Carrying a weapon into the library unless authorized by law
 - f. Making noise or engaging in other disruptive conduct
 - g. Sleeping in the library
 - h. Playing of audio equipment so that others can hear it
 - i. Bringing animals into the library other than assistance animals
 - i. Loitering in the library or on library grounds
 - k. Smoking or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- 2. Damaging or stealing library property, including misusing the restrooms.

Library staff will make the final determination of what is unacceptable behavior.

Library customers who fail to observe this Code of Conduct or other rules and regulations of Mount Laurel may be asked to leave the building or be subject to arrest.

Continued disregard of this Code of Conduct may result in the Library Director denying the privilege of access to the library.

If further action is required, the matter may be referred to the Mount Laurel Police Department.

Any library customer whose privileges have been denied may have the decision reviewed by writing to the Board of Trustees.

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