



Brunswick Community Library

Patron Code of Conduct

PURPOSE:

The Brunswick Community Library and its facilities are to be used for library purposes only. Behavior that interferes with that use or is inconsistent with that use is not permitted. This policy has been adopted for the comfort and protection of all who use library materials and services. The Library Director or staff designee will courteously, but firmly, enforce this policy.

POLICY:

Conduct will not be permitted if it is disruptive, disturbing, or potentially harmful to others, if it otherwise interferes with the enjoyment and use of the Library by other customers, or if it is inconsistent with the Library's mission. This includes, but is not limited to: disorderly conduct, noise, or activity that interferes with the rights of others, whether intentional or inadvertent; physical abuse or threatening behavior or language; disobeying the directions of library staff members; or, the misuse of library materials, equipment or furnishings. Expulsion from the library and/or loss of library privileges, on a temporary or permanent basis, may result from violations of this policy.

Examples of Unacceptable Activities

The following are examples of behaviors, which are not permitted because they interfere with the enjoyment and use of the Library by other patrons, present a health or safety hazard, or are inconsistent with the Library's mission. This list is not exhaustive, but is provided to illustrate the types of behaviors prohibited under this policy.

- Engaging in loud, aggressive, or threatening conduct; fighting or challenging another to a fight; using profane language or obscene behavior or engaging in harassing behavior of any kind.
- Children 12 or younger may not be left unattended in the library; unless they are participating in a library sponsored program **and/or have been given written consent by the Director.**
- Engaging in loud conversations, screaming, yelling, or making any other noise that disturbs other library users.
- Sleeping, lying down, or engaging in activities that interfere with library use.
- Gambling
- Using, distributing, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

- Uncovered drinks are not permitted in the library. Food may not be consumed in specifically designated areas if the trash is not properly disposed of.
- Using tobacco products in the library including e-cigarettes are prohibited.
- Misusing or stealing library materials, equipment or computer resources.
- Tampering with, altering, editing, or damaging computer hardware and/or software.
- Entering or using the library in bare feet, or without a shirt. Bare feet are permitted during a library program, i.e yoga.
- Having bodily hygiene that is so offensive as to constitute a disturbance to other customers using the library.
- Using audio equipment including mobile devices, with or without headphones, at a volume that is audible to others.
- Using mobile phones or devices to engage in conversation in areas designated as quiet/conversation free zones. Mobile devices may be used to engage in conversation in designated areas i.e program room or study room.
- Bathing in public restrooms.
- Engaging in any kind of sexual activity or lewd behavior, or sexually harassing any other person.
- Using bicycles, roller-blades, scooters, skateboards, or other sports equipment in the library
- Blocking aisles or pathways so that access to library materials, equipment, or facilities is prohibited
- Entering staff areas by customers; using meeting rooms without authorization; or improperly using other areas in and around library buildings.
- Carrying weapons of any kind.
- Soliciting in the library or on library property or distributing and/or posting literature that has not been approved by the Library administration.
- Bringing animals, other than guide and service animals, or animals for programs approved by the Director, into the library.
- Committing any act that would violate any State, Federal or local law, ordinance or regulation.
- Using any library resource, including its public access computers/wi-fi network to engage in illegal activity, which violates this policy, or to injure or harass another person.

Loss of Library Privileges

If a patron creates a public nuisance, or violates any policy set forth herein, that patron may be restricted from the Library or from the use of the Library facilities by the Director or staff designee, on either a temporary or a permanent basis. Those who are unwilling to leave, or who do not leave within a reasonable amount of time after being instructed to do so by the staff, may be subject to prosecution. Any person whose library privileges have been revoked under this policy may make a written request of the Director for a reinstatement of privileges.

Reinstatement of privileges may be conditioned on future compliance. Reinstatement of privileges will be at the sole discretion of the Director. Library policies are posted on the Brunswick Community web site (www.brunswicklibrary.org) and are available upon request.

Requests should be directed to: Director, Brunswick Community Library, 4118 State Highway 2, Troy, New York, 12180, (518) 279-4023.

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