

BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY USER CONDUCT POLICY

Recognizing the need to maintain a reasonably quiet environment suitable for studying, reading, browsing and general use of library resources, the library board has established the following rules of conduct.

- 1. Avoid loud conversation.** This rule does not prohibit quiet conversation between patrons and/or staff members. However, conversations and other sounds of louder volume than the general noise level of an area of the building are prohibited.
- 2. No disruptive or illegal behavior permitted on library premises.** This includes running, fighting and horseplay.
- 3. No smoking, eating or drinking in the library, except in designated areas.**
- 4. Attend young children as outlined in the Safety and Wellbeing of Children Policy.** Youth under age 8 and anyone with special needs who requires a caregiver must be directly supervised in the Library at all times
- 5. Do not damage or remove library materials, furnishings or property.**
- 6. No sleeping, loitering or soliciting on library property.** Restrooms may not be used for personal bathing or laundering. Patrons who are not engaged in library related/educational activities may be asked to leave.
- 7. Shirts and shoes are required to be worn in the library.**
- 8. No harassment of library patrons or staff is permitted.**
- 9. No animals other than service animals accompanying people with disabilities are allowed in the library.**
- 10. Please limit cell phone use to the library vestibule.**

Entering the library implies agreement to abide by these rules while in the building. Violation of any of these rules may result in exclusion from the library for a period of time. Two warnings will be given, and then the individual will be asked to leave the library premises. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent in order to gain re-admittance to the library.

1st Offense - 3 days 2nd Offense - 2 weeks

3rd Offense - 6 months

The Director may deny access for a period of up to one year or permanently for any violation that significantly disrupts the operation of the Library or significantly interferes with a patron's or patrons' right(s) to use the Library. Before denying access to any person the Director or designee shall inform the person of the reason and period of time he or she is being denied access and give the person a reasonable opportunity to state his or her response to the proposed denial.

A person who has been denied access permanently may re-apply to the Board for access after a period of one year. The petition shall set forth the reasons the person believes reinstatement is justified. The Library Board shall provide the person with an opportunity to be heard before it makes its decision on the petition for reinstatement. The Library Board may deny, grant, or grant with conditions the petition for reinstatement.

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