

Amherst Public Library's Code of Conduct

The purpose of the Library Code of Conduct is to guarantee a safe and pleasant environment for all library patrons. It also ensures uninterrupted access to library facilities, the safety of patrons and staff, and the protection of the library collection, equipment and facilities.

Patrons have the responsibility to use the library in a manner that

- a) does not interfere with the rights of others to use the library's materials and services;
- b) does not limit the ability of library staff to conduct business; and
- c) does not threaten the secure and comfortable library environment.

Prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- 1) Any illegal activity;
- 2) Creating noise, or otherwise behaving in a loud, boisterous manner, which interferes with the rights of others;
- 3) Using a pager or other electronic device in a manner that disrupts library operations (cell phones may be used in designated areas only);
- 4) Willfully annoying, harassing, or threatening another person;
- 5) Using profanity;
- 6) Misuse of library building, equipment, or furniture in a manner that could cause harm to self, patrons, staff, or property;
- 7) Consuming of food and beverages in library public areas during regular business hours;
- 8) Impeding access to the building or an area of the building, including leaving animals, bicycles or personal items in library entrances or walkways;
- 9) Consuming alcohol, using controlled substances, or being intoxicated on library grounds;
- 10) Campaigning, petitioning, interviewing, survey taking, posting notices, or soliciting of any kind unless authorized by the Director or his/her designee;
- 11) Bringing animals into the building, except as required by persons who are physically challenged, unless authorized by the Director or his/her designee; and
- 12) Entering non-public areas of the library unless accompanied by a staff member.