



Town of Esopus Library
PATRON CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

In order to promote and maintain a library atmosphere in which patron behavior is non-intrusive to others and library materials are protected, patrons of the library must comply with the following:

1. Respect of the rights and needs of all library users shall be maintained at all times. Use of a room by anyone outside the age group it is designated for shall be strictly at the discretion of the library staff.
2. All members of the public will conduct themselves so that they will not interfere, by their actions or speech, with the legitimate rights of other library users.
3. Conduct considered improper in the library includes but is not limited to: Public disturbance; offensive or abusive language; sleeping; loitering; being under the influence of narcotics, hallucinogenic drugs, etc. or soliciting; using or misuse of any controlled substance; smoking or use of any tobacco related products (i.e. vaping) on library property; eating or drinking is not permitted on the main level of the library.
4. Any form of harassment directed at library customers or personnel will not be tolerated.
5. Willful destruction or stealing of library property and/or materials is illegal, and perpetrators will be reported to the police.
6. Please attend young children at all times and become familiar with our Unattended Child Policy.
7. Shoes and shirts are required at all times.
8. Personal hygiene is expected of those who use the library and its materials.
9. Alcohol can only be consumed in the library at scheduled events with the permission of the Director or Assistant Director
10. Offensive behavior related to being under the influence of alcohol is not tolerated.
11. The library will observe current CDC guidelines concerning disease control and prevention.
12. Any person who fails to observe the above Patron Code of Conduct will be asked to comply or leave the library.

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