

Cohocton Public Library Code of Conduct

The Cohocton Public Library strives to provide a safe, welcoming, and friendly environment for all patrons, staff, and volunteers. Patrons in the Cohocton Public Library are expected to act respectfully of other patrons and Library staff at all times.

The Library is responsible for establishing rules of conduct to protect the rights and safety of Library patrons, volunteers, and staff, and for preserving and protecting the Library's materials, equipment, and facilities.

The Library is considered a limited public forum.

1. This is a smoke-free, drug-free, and alcohol-free institution. This includes all library property both in and outside the building.
2. Be respectful of personal space and privacy.
3. Service animals are permitted. Ask a staff member if you are unsure or require additional accommodation.
4. Appropriate use of cell phones and similar electronic devices should be governed by personal judgment and courtesy to others using the facilities. Please step outside if you require additional privacy.
5. The use of skates, roller blades, and skateboards is not allowed in the building.
6. Food and drink are allowed away from computer areas and consumption may not disturb other patrons.
7. Patrons must clean up after themselves, including proper disposal of garbage and recycling, and replacing materials when applicable.
8. Patrons with poor physical hygiene, who emit offensive odor, will be required to leave. Re-entry to the Library may occur after proper physical hygiene has occurred.
9. Shirts and shoes are required to be worn while in the Library.
10. Patrons are expected to abide by the Internet Usage Policy when using library computers.
11. Behavior deemed inappropriate, threatening or harmful, display of weapons, theft or blatant interference with another individual's use of the library will not be tolerated and may result in immediate removal.
12. Library staff reserve the right to contact local authorities if they feel uncomfortable or threatened in any way.

13. In the event that a person is in violation of the Code of Conduct, they will receive warning. If misconduct continues, the person may be asked to remove themselves from library property

Unattended Children:

Parents, guardians, and caregivers are responsible for the safety, behavior, and supervision of their children at all times in the Library, on Library Property, and at Library sponsored events.

1. All children under the age of ten (10) must be accompanied by an adult.
2. Children ages ten (10) and older may be left unattended under parent or legal guardian's discretion and are expected to adhere to the Code of Conduct. Library staff and volunteers are not responsible for unattended children. If an unattended child is in repeated violation of the rules, a parent or guardian will be notified when contact information is available.
3. If an unattended child has no means of communication with a parent or guardian, local law enforcement may be called to ensure the parent or guardian is located and the child is returned home safely.

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