

Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct of the Plattsburgh Public Library is intended to ensure that the library is used for the general purposes for which a library is intended. Behaviors that interfere with such use are not permitted. Any patron engaged in illegal activities will be subject to police intervention/arrest. Patrons who otherwise violate this code of conduct will be given one warning by library personnel. If violation continues or is repeated the patron will be asked to leave the library; failure to comply may result in criminal charges of trespassing.

1. Patrons shall not interfere with another individual's use of the library or with library personnel in the performance of their duties. The following are prohibited:
 - Smoking tobacco products, e-cigarettes, or vaporizers
 - Drinking or possessing alcoholic beverages
 - Consuming, using, or possessing illegal drugs or substances
 - Being in a state of intoxication that precludes the individual's using the library for its intended purposes
 - Playing audio equipment so that other individuals can hear it
 - Using sports equipment (rollerblades, skateboards, etc...)
 - Bringing animals into library (except companion dogs for the disabled)
 - Entering unauthorized workspaces or office areas
 - Engaging in noisy and boisterous activities
 - Following another individual about the building with the intent to annoy
 - Talking/Singing loudly
 - Behaving in a manner which may reasonably be disturbing to others
 - Soliciting fund or offering goods or services to others
 - Viewing adult/inappropriate materials within eyesight of other individuals
2. An individual whose bodily hygiene is so offensive as to constitute a nuisance to other individuals shall be required to leave the building. When the problem is corrected, the individual may re-enter the library.
3. Patrons shall be required to wear appropriate attire, including a shirt and footwear.
4. Unattended children under the age eleven (11) shall not enter, nor be left, in the library. The library is a public building and unaccompanied or unattended children may be at risk.
 - Responsibility for children using the library rests with the parent/guardian/caregiver
 - Staff is not to be asked to supervise children for any amount of time for any reason
 - The use of the library as a childcare facility is inappropriate
 - Diaper changing stations are provided in the men's and women's washrooms; changing diapers elsewhere is prohibited

5. Any individual engaging in illegal conduct including, but not limited to the following, will be told to leave the premises immediately and/or may be subject to police intervention/arrest.
 - Behaving in a manner that is disruptive, harassing, or threatening in nature to library users or staff. This includes following or stalking of the library users or staff
 - Exhibiting any behavior that can be deemed sexual harassment of staff or other patrons
 - Causing sounds that are unreasonable and highly disruptive of other individuals using library facilities, including, but not limited to, loud, prolonged, abusive, indecent, profane, or drunken conversation and/or behavior
 - Stealing or damaging library property, including tampering with or damaging computer hardware/software
 - Committing any crime, misdemeanor, or violation of a municipal ordinance
 - Engaging in indecent exposure
 - Possessing controlled substances outside of a prescription labeled bottle