

Weymouth Public Libraries Appropriate Library Use Policy

The Weymouth Public Libraries are supported by the taxes of the people of Weymouth who expect each of our facilities to be clean, comfortable, and safe places for their use and enjoyment. Everyone has an equal right to access library services and facilities. No person has the right to interfere with the ability of others to use and enjoy library resources, services, and facilities. To this end, the Weymouth Public Libraries 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, facilities, and grounds.

The Children's Room is reserved for use by children, their parents or guardians, and adults interested in children's literature. The Young Adults' Room is reserved for young adults and those who accompany them, and adults interested in young adult literature. Patrons not included in these categories may be required to leave the children's or young adult areas and instead use other areas of the Library.

Any behavior that is disruptive to patrons or staff, or inhibits the Library from fulfilling its mission in providing a clean, comfortable, and safe environment will be addressed immediately. Library staff will intervene to stop prohibited activities and behaviors. Failure to comply with the Library's established standards of acceptable behavior may result in removal from the building and/or restriction of library privileges.

For the comfort and safety of patrons, volunteers, and staff, and the protection of Library property, the following actions are examples of conduct not allowed on Library property.

- Engaging in any activity in violation of Federal, State, local or other applicable law, or Library policy.
- Possession of firearms and weapons of any type except by law enforcement officers.
- Being under the influence, selling, distributing, using, or possessing alcohol/illegal drugs.
- Use of tobacco products in any form.
- Verbally or physically assaulting, threatening or harassing other patrons, volunteers, or staff.
- Unreasonable noise levels including shouting, loud talking or disruptive conversation, audio from analog or digital devices, or engaging in cell phone conversations outside of designated zones.
- Interfering with another person's right to use the library or with the library staff's performance of their duties.
- Stealing, damaging, altering, or inappropriate use of Library property in Library facilities or on Library grounds. Inappropriate use includes but is not limited to: sleeping, littering, loitering, bringing garbage, using restrooms for bathing or washing, entering library without shirt or shoes, and blocking aisles, stairs, exits, or entrances by sitting or lying

down in them, or using any library furniture outside of its intended use such as sitting on tables.

- Trespassing in nonpublic and/or staff only areas, being in the Library without permission of an authorized Library employee before or after Library operating hours, or camping on Library grounds.
- Neglecting to provide proper supervision of children. See Safe Child Policy.
- Using wheeled devices in Library property or on Library grounds, except in designated areas, including skateboarding, roller-skating, bicycling, scooters, and shopping carts (exceptions include wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers).
- Bringing pets or animals, other than service animals necessary for disabilities, into the Library.
- Soliciting or conducting surveys not authorized by the Library.
- Leaving packages, backpacks, luggage, or any other personal items unattended. Such unattended items are subject to immediate confiscation.