

# **NORTHPORT-EAST NORTHPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY**

## **RULES OF CONDUCT**

The Northport-East Northport Public Library is chartered by the State of New York to meet the educational, informational, cultural, and recreational needs of the community it serves. In order to ensure an atmosphere conducive to these purposes, the following rules, regulations, and procedures are enacted by the Board of Trustees for the purpose of maintaining public order in the library facilities and grounds by all Library patrons, visitors, and employees, as well as other licensees and invitees, in accordance with Section 262 of the Education Law of the State of New York.

The following are rules designed for the comfort and protection of all people who use the facilities of the Northport-East Northport Public Library.

The following activities are prohibited:

- Leaving young children unattended (Please see Unattended Minors Policy)
- Engaging in disruptive behavior or disorderly conduct
- Interfering with other people's use of the Library
- Harassing people on Library property
- Obstructing vehicular or pedestrian traffic, operating bicycles, skateboards or rollerblades on sidewalks, in parking areas or on landscaped grounds
- Using loud, abusive, or threatening language
- Defacing, destroying, or tampering with Library material, property, or equipment
- Congregating, loitering, sleeping, or soliciting on Library property
- Rearranging or putting feet on furniture or sitting on tables
- Having bare feet or inappropriate dress
- Using equipment without headphones or at a volume level that is audible to others
- Smoking, consuming alcohol, partaking of controlled substances, or carrying weapons
- Bringing or consuming food or beverages not purchased in the Library Café
- Bringing animals into the library unless necessary for assisting the disabled, or if the animal is being trained to assist the disabled
- Distributing leaflets, circulating petitions, or electioneering
- Violating the Photographing and Filming in the Library Policy
- Violating the Computer Use Policy

- Engaging in a course of conduct which alarms or “seriously annoys” another person and would serve no legitimate purpose; such prohibition to include but not limited to striking, shoving, kicking, unpermitted touching, or otherwise subjecting another person to physical contact or attempting or threatening to do so
- Engaging in unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature
- Making obscene gestures or using abusive language
- Disturbing one or more persons by arguing, propagandizing, or preaching
- Staring at another person or following another person about the premises such that the other person could reasonably be considered to be annoyed, disturbed, or threatened
- Monopolizing public access equipment such as telephones, restrooms, and computers
- Evidencing bodily hygiene so offensive as to constitute a nuisance to other patrons
- Defacing or rendering a restroom inoperable or unsanitary

Failure to follow these guidelines and the directions of the Library staff may result in your being asked to leave the Library and as detailed in the Library’s Maintenance of Public Order Policy could result in the suspension of your privilege to use library facilities for up to one year. Library personnel are authorized to contact the appropriate law enforcement agency to ensure compliance. These guidelines are extracted from the Library’s formal Maintenance of Public Order Policy, a copy of which is available on request.