

# Groton Free Public Library

## Code of Conduct

The Groton Free Public Library supports the Library Bill of Rights in all its interpretations by the American Library Association.

### General

- Use of the Library may not infringe upon anyone else's use of the Library or their privacy.
- Use appropriate language and behavior. Harassment of any kind will not be tolerated. Behavior that is disruptive or disturbs others is prohibited. Physically or verbally harmful, unsafe, illegal, threatening behavior is not allowed: This includes running, fighting, physical play, blocking aisles, stairs or doorways, stalking, staring, and any behavior that may result in damage to materials, equipment, the building or grounds.
- If a Library staff member asks you to cease a behavior or to leave the Library, you must do so.
- Treat Library property with care: theft of Library property or any purposeful damage done to the material, equipment, furniture, building, or property of the Library is against the law.
- Do not leave personal belongings unattended: The library is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- If you are, or appear to be, under the influence, you will be asked to leave.
- Appropriate attire, including shirts and shoes, is required.
- For privacy reasons, we cannot pass verbal or written messages between patrons or visitors.
- Weapons of any type are not appropriate in the Library, unless carried by a law enforcement officer.
- Children 8 years old or younger must be attended and supervised by a responsible person over the age of 16, other than Library personnel.
- The Computer Area near the Circulation Desk is a silent space. Indoor voices are okay in all other areas.
- Always use headphones with audio or technology equipment so you don't disturb others.
- Cell phones and other electronic devices must be set to silent or vibrating mode.
- Phone conversations must be held in designated areas and maintained at reasonable volume. These areas will be determined by the Library director.
- Brief (under 2 minute), emergency uses of our phone are okay.
- Food and drink are allowed in designated areas only- throw away any debris or wrappers.

### In accordance with town policies and state law:

- Smoking, alcohol and illegal drugs are not permitted in the Library.
- Animals are not permitted, with the exception of service animals.
- Soliciting is not allowed.

### Enforcement

- The library reserves the right to revoke or restrict library privileges of any patron for behavior contrary to this Code of Conduct. The police will be called for assistance if there is a failure to comply.
- The police will be called for violations of city ordinances or state laws.
- The Library reserves the right to prosecute.
- Library administrators may also enact temporary rules to respond to specific situations and will post any such rules in the library.