

Meriden Public Library

Code of Conduct

The Library exists as a center for research, study, educational programs, and leisure reading. To provide an atmosphere conducive to this purpose, the Library has established the following code of conduct:

- Quietness - Intermittent conversation, at a very low level, is permitted for those completing a study project together or those asking for information from the Library staff. Loud or continuous conversations or those disruptive to others are considered inappropriate behavior.
- Proper attire including shoes and shirts is required. No face coverings except for medical or religious reasons.
- Small children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult to insure their safety and to minimize disturbances to other patrons.
- Four persons per study table, one person per chair or carrel, two persons per computer.

The following behavior is strictly prohibited in the Library and on its grounds:

- Smoking in the building (including the entry halls).
- Consumption of food or alcohol except at special functions.
- Littering.
- Loitering or gathering in groups that impede or discourage others from passing.
- Sleeping.
- Pets in the building.
- Defacing or theft of property.
- Verbal or physical abuse towards any individual.
- Bodily hygiene that is so offensive that it interferes with another person's use of the library or with the library staff's performance of its duties.
- Drunkenness or disorderly behavior.
- Weapons of any kind.
- Soliciting.
- Interference with, harassment or intimidation of any individual by word or act.
- Improper acts which are subject to prosecution under criminal or civil codes of the law.
- Any behavior which disrupts use of the Library or interferes with the Library's operation.

Failure to adhere to these rules may result in loss of Library privileges, being reported to the police and/or legal prosecution.

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