

Behavior Policy

Huntington Memorial Library

Any behavior that disrupts the normal functioning of the library is prohibited.

Illegal activities (including defacing or mutilating library property, inappropriate or illegal behavior, harassment or threats) should be reported to the police and/or Library Director and Board President.

- Include complete details of incident.
- Give names of users or staff members involved and a complete description of subject.

Violators of these rules who refuse to leave the Library when requested are subject to arrest under the Criminal Trespass section of the New York State Penal Law.

Principles governing behavior, specific instances of violations, and action required.

1 WARNING AND OUT

- People conversing in louder tones than the general noise level will be requested to lower their voices.
- Boisterous behavior, including foul language.
- Groups may not congregate to socialize in the building or block traffic in area of the library.
- No campaigning, petitioning, soliciting or proselytizing for any cause.
- Persons who exhibit behavior not consistent with the normal range of socially accepted behavior will be required to leave.
- User must take care of his or her own garbage. Failure to comply may result in suspension of library privileges.
- Music equipment is prohibited in the library unless used with earphones. Level of music must be low enough so as not to disturb nearby individuals.
- Use of elevator is intended for the elderly and the handicapped. Misuse by individuals will require them to leave.

NO WARNING - OUT.

- Verbal or physical fighting (real or mock).
- Shirt and shoes are required to enter the library.
- Smoking is prohibited in the entire building (bathrooms etc. included).
- Persons with poor physical hygiene who emit an offensive odor will be required to leave. Reentry into the library may occur after proper physical hygiene has been conducted by the individual and he or she no longer emits an offensive odor.
- Persons who spit or throw anything out of the windows will be required to leave.
- Individuals caught stealing or destroying library property will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
- Individuals caught defacing library property or materials will be required to make full restitution and will risk suspension of his or her library privileges.

Infringements of library regulations (eating, drinking, smoking is prohibited by Public Health Law, Article 13-F, Section 1399o- 1399q – see Part One, “Laws, Standards...”, excessive noise, rowdiness, etc.)

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