

Behavior Policy

Huntington Memorial Library

ANY behavior that disrupts the normal functioning of the library is prohibited

The public library is created for the use of everyone in the community. All library staff are responsible for maintaining a pleasant environment for patrons in the Library and Park. The guiding principles at HML are to support life-long learning, provide free access to information resources to all people in the community and to provide a safe place to read, do research and participate in all forms of learning. The Behavior Policy has been developed to support these principles.

Any patron who violates the Behavior Policy in the Library may be banned from the premises. An Incident Report will be kept on file.

- 1st infraction: verbal warning.
- 2nd infraction: 6 month suspension of library privileges.
- 3rd infraction: complete ban of library privileges.

Illegal activities will be reported to the police (including defacing or mutilating library and park property, harassment or threats).

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

Examples of prohibited behaviors include but are not limited to:

- Excessively loud conversations above the general noise level.
- Boisterous behavior, including foul language.
- Congregating to socialize in the building and park or blocking traffic in the building and park.
- Campaigning, petitioning, soliciting or proselytizing for any cause.
- Exhibiting behavior not consistent with the normal range of socially accepted behavior.
- Leaving garbage in the library and park.
- Loud music or videos.
- Using the elevator inappropriately.
- Verbal or physical fighting (real or mock).
- Inappropriate dress, including absence of shirts or shoes.
- Tobacco use and any smoking device.
- Exhibiting poor physical hygiene with an offensive odor.
- Spitting or throwing anything out of the library windows.