

PATRON BEHAVIOR POLICY

Hopkinton Public Library is intended to provide access to library materials, information, and equipment, and to serve as a location for general studies and cultural activities. For the library to be enjoyed by all patrons, the following rules and regulations should be observed. Patrons who exhibit behavior inconsistent with the following rules may be asked to leave the library.

The following activities are **not allowed** in the library

1. Being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs and or eating, drinking, smoking or using illegal drugs;
2. Offensive sexual or other behavior, such as peeping, exhibitionism, child molestation, or speaking to a patron or staff member in an obscene or offensive manner; or wearing offensive clothing;
3. Threatening, verbal harassment, physical molestation or assault of patrons or staff;
4. Unauthorized taking of videos or pictures of any person in the library;
5. Any activities that violate local, state, or federal laws and or possession of weapons unless authorized by law;
6. Soliciting, campaigning, petitioning, picketing or conducting surveys not authorized by the library;
7. Running, pushing, shoving, or throwing objects;
8. Using cell phones and pagers except with permission of staff. Cell phone and pager audible ringers must be turned off;
9. Entering the library with inappropriate attire, barefooted, without a shirt, with offensive body odor or personal hygiene or indecent exposure.
10. Skateboarding, roller-blading or like activities inside the building or on the library grounds;
11. Playing of audio equipment so that others can hear;
12. Talking loudly, making noise, or engaging in other disruptive conduct; and bring animals into the library except those needed to assist a patron with a disability;
13. Leaving a child under the age of 12 unattended in the library;
14. Interfering with another person's use of the library or with library personnel's performance of their duties;
15. Destruction or theft of library property or personal property of patrons and staff;

Any patron who violates this Policy may be denied the privilege to access Library.