

Hopkinton Public Library
PATRON BEHAVIOR POLICY

The Board of Trustees of the Hopkinton Public Library has established the following Patron Behavior Policy so that we may protect our patrons' right of access to and use of library facilities to the maximum extent possible. Also we wish to insure the safety of our patrons and staff as well as safeguard our resources and facilities from damage.

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. 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 barefooted, without a shirt, with offensive body odor or personal hygiene so as to be disruptive to the library environment;
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 of access to the Library by the Board of Trustees, on recommendation of the Library Director. Any patron whose privileges have been denied may have the decision reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

Patron must leave promptly at closing