



Dover Free Public Library

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POLICY ON PATRON CONDUCT

Patrons not engaged in reading, studying, or using library materials may be asked to leave the building.

The following activities are not permitted in the library:

- Consuming food or beverages except as part of a library program
- Playing audio equipment so that others can hear
- Smoking (NJSA 26: 3D - 38 through 26: 3D - 45)
- Gambling, card or game playing of any type not authorized by Library
- Carrying a weapon
- Engaging in public indecency (NJSA 2C: 14 - 1 through 2C: 14 - 8)
- Using illegal drugs or alcohol (NJSA 2C: 2 - 8)
- Bringing animals, except those needed by patrons with a disability
- Misusing the facilities, i.e., using restrooms as a laundry or the floor for sleeping
- Talking loudly, using offensive language, making noise or engaging in other disruptive behavior (NJSA 2C: 33 - 2), staring at another person with the intent to annoy that person, by following another person about the building with the intent to annoy that person, or by behaving in a manner which reasonably can be expected to disturb another person.
- Interfering with another person's use of the library or with the staff's performance of their duties
- Leaving a child under the age of seven unattended in the library without adult supervision (NJSA 9:6 - 1)

Patrons are expected to adhere to the following rules or they may be required to leave the building:

- Shoes and shirts must be worn.
- Bodily hygiene and/or attire, which are offensive so as to constitute a nuisance to other persons, are unacceptable.
- Food and beverages, except as part of a library program, are not permitted within the library building.
- Patrons must stay within the areas designated for library users.

Library privileges may be limited for the following reasons:

- Damaging property
- Stealing materials (NJSA 2C: 20-12 through 2C: 20-15)
- Threatening or physically harming staff or patrons
- Misusing facilities
- Disruptive conduct

Procedures governing the suspension of privileges will be available at the Circulation Desk.