

Cranston Public Library Public Behavior Guidelines

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Introduction

In an effort to meet the reading and information needs of the public and to ensure the safety of library patrons and staff, the Cranston Public Library has adopted the following list of behavior guidelines. To maintain an atmosphere conducive to library use, we ask that library patrons abide by these guidelines.

This list of guidelines is by no means exhaustive or all-inclusive and may be amended from time to time. Patrons violating any one or more of these guidelines will be asked to cease and desist from engaging in such violations and may be asked to leave the premises and/or be barred from all branches of the Cranston Public Library for a period of up to one year.

Behavior Guidelines

- Running or using sporting equipment inside the library premises and on outside areas where said use may endanger the safety of other patrons is prohibited
- Physically / verbally harassing or assaulting patrons and staff is prohibited
- Carrying on sustained conversations above acceptable noise levels is prohibited
- Using profane or obscene language and gestures on library premises is prohibited
- Carrying, possessing or displaying weapons is prohibited
- Stealing, abusing, defacing or destroying any library property is prohibited
- Eating, drinking and using tobacco (cigarette, cigar and pipe smoking) inside the library is prohibited
- Using, selling or trading alcohol and illegal substances or possessing the same for purposes of using, selling or trading on library premises is prohibited
- Being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs on library premises is prohibited
- Engaging in sexual acts on library premises is prohibited
- Entering into non-public areas of the library and/or using non-public library facilities or equipment without authorization is prohibited
- Soliciting patrons and library personnel is prohibited
- Animals are not permitted inside the library, except service animals assisting patrons
- Use of personal electronic equipment (cellular phones, laptop computers, tape recorders, camera's and the like) may be limited to certain areas of the library and must not interfere with other library users or staff.
- Proper dress is required (shoes and shirts are required)
- Parents are responsible for the behavior of their children in the library