



Comsewogue Public Library

Public Behavior Policy

In order to maintain a safe and welcoming environment for reading, learning and other Library activities, the Comsewogue Public Library requires all visitors and patrons to comply with the following General Rules and Regulations:

The following are NOT permitted on the Library campus:

- Engaging in conduct that disrupts or interferes with normal operations of the Library, or that disturbs staff or Library patrons. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to:
 - Harassing or threatening public, staff, volunteers or vendors (verbally, physically and/or in writing, including electronically)
 - Displaying obscene or abusive language or gestures.
 - Being unreasonably loud, including on a cell phone, as determined by a staff member and/or guard.

(Designated area for talking on a cell phone is the Gallery.)

- Engaging in sexual conduct, stalking, or lewd behavior.
- Possessing a knife, gun, or any other weapon.
- Smoking tobacco or marijuana products, vaping, e-cigarettes, etc. (must go to Terryville Road or farther to smoke)
- Eating and drinking (covered drinks and snacks) are permitted, except in computer areas and elsewhere as indicated (ex. around specific equipment, collection materials, etc.) Leaving a mess when dining (crumbs, trash, offensive odors) is not permitted.
- Using, possessing, selling, or appearing under the influence of alcohol or other substances.
- Sleeping anywhere on the premises.
- Misuse or interference with others' use of public restrooms, including loitering, laundering, bathing (other than handwashing), personal grooming or similar activities
- Selling goods or services or soliciting money, donations or signatures.
- Using skates, skateboards, scooters, or any similar equipment; indoors or out.
- Bringing an animal(s) into the Library, unless it can be deemed a "service" animal.
- Damaging, defacing, or misusing any Library materials or property. This includes disabling Library equipment, changing the hardware or software or settings on a Library computer, or using a Library computer for a purpose other than that designated by the Library.
- Engaging in any activity in violation of federal, state or local law or Library policies

Please also be advised that:

- The Library is not responsible for personal items that are lost, stolen, or damaged on Library premises. Personal items must not be left unattended. Unattended items may be removed and disposed of.

- A person is not permitted to bring large objects, such as oversized bag(s), shopping carts or luggage into the Library.

A person and their belongings must not block library doorways, interfere with the flow of pedestrian traffic, or block aisles, stairways, elevators, ramps, etc.

- Library security officers and staff may inspect a person's property upon entrance or exit from the Library and/or ask patrons

- A person must wear clothing (covering upper and lower body) and footwear in the Library; and a person's odor must not interfere with others' comfortable use of the Library. Presenting an offensive, pervasive odor constitutes a nuisance and is prohibited.

- There are those Library items that cannot be copied because of copyright laws, their vulnerable condition, or donor restrictions.

- The Library is not responsible for children who are left unattended on Library premises; please see the Library's Unattended Children Policy.

- Library staff and security officers may inspect the property of a person who enters or leaves the Library and may ask a person to display their Library card or other ID at any time.

- Large groups that seek to visit the Library must have permission to do so.

- Media or commercial filming or photography are not allowed on the Library's premises without prior permission from Administration. A person filming or photographing must not disturb visitors/patrons or Library staff.

- Adults may visit Children's and Teen areas only when accompanied by a child or teen, or when actively engaged in use of collections/services.

- Certain Library spaces and collections are restricted to staff only or have other restrictions (access limitation, noise level, etc.)

Persons with disabilities may request Library staff for reasonable accommodations.

Persons who do not observe the Library's Public Behavior Policy may be asked to immediately leave the Library, may lose their Library access and/or privileges for a day or longer, and may be subject to arrest or other legal action.