

Kensington Public Library

Behavior Policy

This policy is separate from pandemic policies.

1. Patrons are expected to be fully clothed, including foot coverings, while in the library.
2. Food and beverages may only be brought into the library with the approval of the library staff.
3. Animals must be left outside of the building unless they are service animals, are part of a library program or are allowed in, leashed, with permission of the staff.
4. Unattended children are a safety concern for all library users. A parent or other adult who is responsible for the child must accompany all children 8 years old and younger unless they will be supervised by a staff member with permission of parent.
5. At the discretion of a parent or guardian, a child aged 9 or older may be left unattended to read for pleasure, select materials, complete a homework assignment, or attend a program. Parents/guardians must leave emergency contact information (please refer to the Library's Safe Child Policy).
6. Disruptive behavior, including running, shouting, pushing or other rowdy, rambunctious activities will not be permitted. If the patron is a child, the parent/guardian is responsible for insuring appropriate behavior of their children. In the case of unaccompanied children, a parent/guardian will be called to pick them up.
7. The Kensington Public Library is committed to providing an environment that is welcoming to all users while being conducive to study. Loud phone conversations are disruptive to patrons and staff. Patrons are asked to be considerate of others if they must use their phones
8. Library materials may not be removed from the building without proper authorization (books, etc., must be checked out.) Theft of library materials or damage to library materials may lead to prosecution under NH RSA 202-A.
9. Other prohibited behavior includes but is not limited to:
 - any illegal act
 - misusing library computers or other equipment
 - harassing library patrons or staff
 - soliciting
 - smoking/ vaping or use of tobacco and nicotine products
 - possession of alcohol, weaponry or any controlled substance

Failure to comply with these rules may lead to revocation of library privileges. In such cases, a written notice outlining the reason(s) for the revocation will be mailed to the patron, who

will have ten days to respond in writing prior to the revocation becoming effective. Where the patron files a written request for a hearing within the ten-day period, the matter will be referred to the Kensington Public Library Board of Trustees for a hearing and final decision.

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