

# Rules of Behavior Policy



**In order to ensure constructive use of Simsbury Public Library facilities, materials, and services, as well as the personal comfort of all patrons, the Board of Trustees has established the following rules for use:**

1. Patrons shall be engaged in activities associated with the use of a public library while in the Library.
2. Please keep voices and activities at a level that will not disturb others around you. This is not limited to, but also includes the use of cell phones.
3. Any individual or group using disruptive or abusive language, unacceptable behavior, or otherwise creating a hostile environment will be asked to leave the Library.
4. Food may be consumed only in the Café area or the bench outside the Children's Room, unless the food is part of a program, event or meeting.
5. Children under the age of 12 must not be left unattended. The Library assumes no responsibility for the care and supervision of children. Parents or caregivers must supervise the behavior of their children. (See Unattended Children Policy)
6. Smoking, the use of open flames and the use of alcoholic beverages are not permitted on Library premises.
7. Pets are not permitted in the Library. Only animals properly identified as service animals and those involved in Library programming are allowed.
8. Patrons must be fully clothed, including footwear, and shall also maintain a generally acceptable standard of personal hygiene.
9. The Children's Room of the Library is for the exclusive use of parents/caregivers and their children or adults using resources which are only available in that area.
10. A Library patron who vandalizes, steals, or destroys any Library material, equipment or building components will forfeit all Library privileges and will be subject to financial liability for damages.
11. Patrons are prohibited from entering the Library with weapons of any kind. This applies to all individuals, with the exception of law enforcement officers, even if the weapon is registered and they are carrying a permit. Violations may result in temporary or permanent exclusion from the Library.
12. Soliciting is not allowed on Library premises.

We ask your cooperation in maintaining an environment that provides enjoyable use of the Library. Patrons are encouraged to report disruptive individuals to the staff. Concerns should be brought to the attention of the Library Director. If necessary, the Simsbury Police Department may be called.

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