

SOUTHBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BEHAVIOR POLICY

The Southbury Public Library Board of Directors provides an atmosphere in which patrons and staff can use the library without being disturbed or impeded by other library patrons. We want patrons and staff to feel secure and comfortable. We have developed the following Behavior Policy for all patrons to follow:

**THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE LIBRARY OR QUIET READING TERRACE:**

EATING, DRINKING\* OR SMOKING

THE LIBRARY DOES NOT ALLOW ANIMALS ON ITS PREMISES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SERVICE DOGS INDIVIDUALLY TRAINED TO DO WORK OR PERFORM TASKS FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITIES AS DEFINED BY THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA). THERAPY DOGS, EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS, COMFORT ANIMALS, AND OTHER SPECIES OF ANIMALS ARE NOT CONSIDERED SERVICE ANIMALS UNDER THE ADA. A DOCTOR'S NOTE STATING THAT A PERSON NEEDS TO HAVE AN ANIMAL FOR EMOTIONAL SUPPORT DOES NOT SUFFICE TO QUALIFY AN ANIMAL AS A SERVICE ANIMAL.

LOUD TALKING, EXCESSIVE NOISE.

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR.

INTERFERING WITH ANOTHER PERSON'S USE OF THE LIBRARY OR WITH LIBRARY PERSONNEL IN PERFORMANCE OF HIS/HER DUTIES.

ROLLERBLADES, SKATEBOARDS OR OTHER ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT SHALL NOT BE USED IN THE LIBRARY OR ON LIBRARY PROPERTY.

MISUSE OF RESTROOMS (USING AS A LAUNDRY OR WASHING ROOM FACILITY, DESTROYING PROPERTY.)

\*with the exception of coffee, tea or water bottles.

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POLICY RULES AND REGULATIONS

SHIRTS AND SHOES MUST BE WORN IN THE LIBRARY AT ALL TIMES.

CELL PHONE USAGE IS RESTRICTED TO FOYER (AREA BETWEEN THE AUTOMATIC DOORS) NOT INSIDE THE LIBRARY. CELL PHONES MUST BE TURNED OFF AT THE BEGINNING OF EVERY LIBRARY PROGRAM.

NO CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 12 MAY BE LEFT UNATTENDED WITHOUT PARENT OR GUARDIAN IN THE LIBRARY OR ON LIBRARY GROUNDS.

CHILDREN UNDER 12 MAY NOT BE LEFT ALONE ON THE QUIET READING TERRACE.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN MAY NOT LEAVE CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 12 ON ONE FLOOR WHILE GOING TO ANOTHER.

LIBRARY STAFF FIRST WARNS ANYONE VIOLATING THESE RULES. IF CONDUCT CONTINUES, THE OFFENDER(S) WILL BE ORDERED TO LEAVE THE PREMISES. STAFF MAY EXPEL THE OFFENDER(S) WITHOUT WARNING, AT THE DISCRETION OF STAFF, IN SITUATIONS OF SERIOUS, THREATENING OR WILLFULLY MALICIOUS BEHAVIOR.

FAILURE TO OBSERVE THESE RULES MAY LEAD TO SUSPENSION OF LIBRARY PRIVILEGES.

ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE REFERRED TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES.

LIBRARY PERSONNEL ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF PATRONS.

THE SOUTHBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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