

Wendell Free Library Appropriate Library Use Policy

Adopted 2010 by the Library Board of Trustees, updated Sept. 2023 to make the age of unaccompanied children agree with Child Safety Policy.

The Wendell Free Library building and grounds are available to persons of all ages. While everyone has an equal right to access library services and facilities, no person has the right to interfere with the ability of others to use and enjoy library resources, services and facilities.

For the safety and comfort of library visitors, volunteers and staff, and for the protection of library property, the following actions and conduct are not allowed on library property:

- Any activity in violation of federal, state or local law.
- Carrying firearms or dangerous weapons of any type.
- Consumption/use of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Vaping or smoking
- Chewing and other tobacco use
- Creating disruptive noises or talking loudly.
- Running, pushing, shoving, throwing objects, fighting or threatening to fight.
- Verbally or physically threatening or harassing others, including bullying, name calling, stalking, staring, touching and obscene acts and gestures.
- Using offensive language.
- Cyber-bullying or other inappropriate use of the internet. (See Internet Use Policy)
- Using cell phones in a manner that disturbs others.
- Entering the library shirtless or barefoot
- Littering or leaving debris.
- Participating in group activities that are disruptive to the library environment.
- Bringing pets or animals, with the exception of service animals. (See Animal Policy)
- Entering non-public areas without permission.
- Stealing, damaging, altering or inappropriately using library lending materials, computers, furnishings, building or grounds.
- Neglecting to provide proper supervision of children. Children under ten years old must be accompanied by an adult in the library at all times. (See Child Safety Policy)

- Misusing or dangerously using the library's outdoor areas or equipment. (The playground, basketball court and stone circle are unsupervised. Use at your own risk.)

Food Policy

- No food of any type is allowed at library owned computers.
- Drinks must be in closed containers unless served at a function.
- During special events and programs all food and drinks should be confined to the event area.

Other

The use of the Children's Room is prioritized for use by children, their parents or caregivers and adults interested in children's literature or needing to use the computers in the case other computers are busy. (See Child Safety Policy)

The use of the Young Adult Area is prioritized for patrons in grades six through twelve, those who accompany them, and adults who wish to borrow materials from that room.

The library staff reserves the right to ask a patron to leave if any of the above is not honored.

Enforcement of these rules will be conducted in a fair and reasonable manner. Library staff will intervene to stop prohibited activities and behaviors. Failure to comply could result in removal from the premises or restriction or termination of library privileges, such as the use of library computers. Violations resulting in may be appealed to the Wendell Free Library Trustees at their regularly scheduled meeting.