



## Rules of Conduct Policy

Patrons and staff are equally entitled to courteous treatment. The Board of Trustees of the Webster Public Library has established the following policy in order to create and maintain an environment that is safe, healthy, and comfortable. The staff has the responsibility to enforce this policy. Violation of this policy may lead to ejection, possible withdrawal of library privileges, and possible criminal charges.

### **Safety Practices**

New York State requires masks and physical distancing for people not vaccinated against COVID-19, including children 3-11 years of age.

### **Filming and Recording**

Staff is not responsible for any cell phone pictures or videos taken by patrons.

### **Animals**

Only service animals are allowed in the library.

### **Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.**

### **Children**

Parents/caregivers are responsible for the behavior, safety, and supervision of their children at all times.

### **Behavior**

1. Inappropriate language (e.g., harassing, vulgar, insulting, threatening, abusive) or unnecessarily loud conversations are not allowed.
2. Inappropriate, offensive, or illegal actions will not be tolerated.
3. Running, roughhousing, and physical violence will not be allowed.
4. Noise-producing devices will be restricted if their use disturbs other patrons or employees.
5. Wheeled devices other than baby strollers, walkers, and wheelchairs should be left outside.
6. Patrons will be responsible for any intentional damage to library property.

### **Petitioning, Proselytizing, Soliciting**

There cannot be solicitation of money, donations, services, opinions, petitioning, campaigning, distribution of literature or information for any cause or event, or selling of any products or services inside the library without prior authorization from staff.

## **Smoking**

Smoking including E-cigarettes and smokeless tobacco is prohibited. New York Public Health Law §1399-o prohibits smoking and vaping within 100 feet of entrances or exits of public libraries.

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