



# WASHINGTON TWP PUBLIC LIBRARY

## CODE OF CONDUCT

In order to protect the rights of Library users and staff to access library facilities, to ensure the safety of users and staff, and to protect library resources and facilities from damage, the Washington Township Public Library Board of Trustees has adopted the following rules of conduct. The following activities are prohibited:

**I. Engaging in activities prohibited by law but not limited to:**

- Fighting, causing loud noise, or using offensive words in a public place
- Theft
- Theft of Library Material
- Vandalism
- Smoking any tobacco product
- Possess, distribute, consume or be under the influence of any controlled substance or alcoholic beverage
- Criminal harassment of staff or public
- Engaging in sexual activity, contact or assault or any act of lewdness or exposure and any other sexual activity which is inappropriate in a public place

**II. Engaging in loud, disruptive, or unsafe activity or behavior in the Library building that unreasonably interferes with another person's use of the Library or with the ability of Library staff to perform their job duties including:**

- Creating excessive noise
- Running
- Making verbal or physical threats
- Patrons whose bodily hygiene is offensive as to constitute a nuisance to other persons shall be required to leave the building
- Inhibiting others from using the Library buildings, materials, or services
- Following another person about the building with the intent to annoy that person, stalking another person, or by behaving in a manner which reasonably can be expected to disturb other persons
- Misusing the restrooms (i.e., using them as a laundry or washing facility, or any other unintended purpose)

**III. Distributing, downloading, reproducing, viewing or printing from Library computers illegal materials including but not limited to obscene material or item(s) depicting the sexual exploitation or abuse of a child as those terms are used in N.J.S.A. 2C:34-2(a)(1), N.J.S.A. 2C:34-3(a)(1); and N.J.S.A 2C:24-4(b)(1).**

**IV. Eating or drinking in the Library building.**

**V. Unauthorized buying, selling, or soliciting on Library grounds.**

**VI. Conducting a for-profit business by meeting business customers within the Library building or using the building and resources for a business office when such use unreasonably interferes with the rights of others to use the Library.**

**VII. Using the Library building for non-Library purposes, including but not limited to the playing of games or sleeping when such uses unreasonably interferes with the rights of others to use the Library.**

**VIII. Bringing animals other than service animals into the building.**

**IX. Caregivers and attendants are responsible to remain available for the personal or special needs of those entrusted to their care. No person shall leave children under the age of 11 unattended on Library premises. See Unattended Children Policy.**

**X. Exceeding the number of people who may reasonably sit together at Library study tables or computer workstations.**

**XI. All Library patrons must be dressed appropriately at all times, which includes wearing shoes, pants/shorts, and a shirt at all times in the Library building.**

**XII. Photographing or videotaping without prior permission of Library Administration and those photographed.**

**XIII. Carrying a weapon in the Library unless authorized by law.**

Library users who fail to observe this Code of Conduct or other rules and regulations of the Library may be asked to leave the building or be subject to arrest. Any library user who violates the Library Code of Conduct, rules and regulations shall be denied the privilege of access to the Library by the Library Board of Trustees, on recommendation of the Library Director. Any library user whose privileges have been denied may have the decision reviewed by the Board of Trustees.