

## **GREENVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY PATRON CODE OF CONDUCT**

The following Patron Code of Conduct was developed by the Greenville Public Library to ensure a positive atmosphere in the Library facility.

1. Patrons are welcome to use the materials and facilities of the Library as long as such use does not disrupt the use by others.
2. Conversations should be kept in low voices as a courtesy to others. If you would like to hold a meeting or study group in the library, please make prior arrangements with the Library Staff.
3. Please do not run on the premises.
4. Please contain your use of the library in public areas only. Patrons found in non-public areas will be handled as trespassers.
5. Please do not bring food, drink or illegal substances into the buildings. If you are observed with such, you will be asked to surrender it immediately.
6. Loitering, sleeping, smoking, stealing, soliciting, gambling, defacing public or private property, harassment, abusive language, disorderly conduct and other illegal activities are grounds for immediate removal from the premises and notification to the police. Willful destruction or stealing of library property, equipment and/or materials is illegal and perpetrators will be arrested and subjected to financial liability for damages.
7. Patrons must wear a covering on their bodies and shoes or other footwear. Patrons whose bodily hygiene is offensive so as to constitute a nuisance to other patrons may be required to leave the building. ( New York State Penal Code, Section 240.20 states: creating a physically offensive condition, including disturbing odors or infested clothing or personal effects.)
8. Please do not offer unsolicited advice or assistance to patrons. If you feel there is such a need, please contact a staff member immediately.
9. Patrons wishing to use headphones for instructional or recreational purposes should do so without disrupting patrons near them.
10. Parking on library property is reserved for patrons in the building. Cars parked illegally will be towed.
11. The Library assumes no responsibility for the care and supervision of children. Parents or caregivers must supervise the behavior of their children. Additionally, children under the age of 7 must be supervised at all times.
12. Only animals assisting the handicapped are permitted in the building.

13. Any patron who deliberately alters a library computer or destroys computer equipment will be subject to financial liability for damages.

14. In accordance with New York State Law, the library is a smoke-free establishment. Additionally, there shall be no smoking in the areas immediately adjacent to entrances, exits, and air in-take vents.

The Library reserves the right to inspect bags, purses, and briefcases of patrons if theft is suspected. If patrons refuse such inspection, they will be asked to remain until the authorities can be called to conduct such an inspection. Violations of the Patron Code of Conduct will constitute grounds for immediate removal from the premises. Consistent violations may result in the suspension of library privileges.

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