



Johnson City Public Library Library Code of Conduct

The Board of Directors has established this code in order to make everyone's use of the library as pleasant and as productive as possible. The Board and staff enthusiastically support the library's role as a public institution open to all people. We strive to offer high quality service free of bias and favoritism. Adherence to these guidelines will enable everyone to use the library building, services, and materials in a safe and enjoyable environment.

The following are required of everyone using the library:

- civility and respect for the rights and feelings of others;
- adherence to library policies, procedures and guidelines;
- cooperation with reasonable requests by library employees and volunteers;
- personal hygiene sufficient to avoid offending or disturbing others;
- appropriate use of library equipment, furniture, materials and other resources;
- appropriate attire, including shoes and shirt;
- courtesy in the use of communication devices so that neither telephone ringing nor conversations disturb others;
- willingness to open briefcases, parcels, purses, etc. to enable staff to determine if library materials have been properly charged;

Children 10 years old and younger must be supervised by a parent or an adult caregiver.

The following items are not permitted in the library:

- Weapons
- food or beverages (except in the meeting rooms or at events sponsored or approved by the library);
- illegal drugs;
- pets (except animals trained to assist people with disabilities);
- bicycles, skates, skateboards;

The following activities/behaviors are not permitted:

- sleeping;
- smoking or any use of tobacco;
- selling products or services; soliciting donations (except fund raising activities by the library or the Friends of the Library);
- use of skates, skateboards or similar devices on library property;
- loud, abusive or offensive language;
- violence or the threat of violence;
- public intoxication; disorderly behavior; using public restrooms for bathing;
- any actions which are in violation of City, State, or Federal laws and regulations.

This code applies to the use of the library in person, by telephone, through computer networks, or other means as may be available. Individuals' failure to comply with this code may result in their temporary or permanent exclusion from the library and library grounds.

The public library is the most inclusive, democratic, and open of public institutions. Your support of and compliance with this code will help ensure that the library maintains this enviable position and that it continues to carry out its mission of service to all.