

## Barker Public Library Patron Code of Conduct

The Board of Trustees of the Barker Public Library is responsible for determining the rules of behavior necessary to protect the rights of individuals to use library materials and services, to protect the rights of library employees to conduct library business without interference, and to preserve library materials and facilities. New York State law gives the Board the right to exclude from the use of the library any person who willfully violates the rules prescribed by the Board.

The Board of Trustees believes that library patrons have the right to use library materials and services without being disturbed or impeded by other library users, that library patrons and employees have the right to an environment that is secure and comfortable, and that library patrons and employees have the right to materials and facilities that are available and in good condition.

Patrons who violate the library's rules of behavior will be asked to stop unacceptable behavior or activity. Patrons who continue to violate the rules of behavior and refuse to follow the direction of the staff will be asked for identification and will be asked to leave the library for the day. In case of misconduct that is extreme, the offender will be asked to leave the library immediately, upon refusal, the Police may be contacted.

The library includes the library building and entrance.

### **Specific Behaviors**

- Patrons should be engaged in activities associated with the library.
- Conversation that is above an acceptable noise level or is disturbing to other library patrons is prohibited.
- Parents are required to monitor and control the behavior of their young children.
- Using cell phones or other electronic devices in a manner that disturbs others is prohibited.
- Running in the library is not permitted.
- In accordance with New York State and local law, the library is a smoke-free establishment.
- Eating/drinking is prohibited at the computer stations.
- Aside from special designated events, possessing and consuming alcohol is prohibited on library property.
- Disruptive behavior of any kind is not tolerated
- Impeding access to the building or an area of the building is prohibited.
- Taking surveys or public opinion polls or asking patrons to sign petitions are prohibited on library property, with the exception of activities undertaken by the library for library purposes.
- Shoes must be worn at all times in the library.

- Children under six years of age may not be left unattended in the library. They must be under the direct supervision of a parent or other adult when in the library.
- Patrons may not move furniture without permission from the staff, nor may they put their feet on the furniture.
- Patrons may not leave personal belongings unattended.
- The library reserves the right to inspect all bags, purses, briefcases, packs, etc. for library material.
- Roller skates, roller blades, skateboards, and similar recreational equipment may not be used on library property.
- Patrons whose bodily hygiene constitutes a nuisance to others will be required to leave the library and remedy the hygiene problem before returning to the library.
- Firearms, whether concealed or openly carried, are prohibited on library property. The only exceptions to this rule are firearms carried by sworn, law enforcement officers.
- Vandalism either inside or on the exterior of the building will be reported to Police.
- Computer tampering will also be reported to authorities.
- No animals allowed except documented service animals.

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