Onondaga Free Library Patron Code of Conduct

Onondaga Free Library is a public institution that endeavors to provide for its users an environment suitable for reading, study and activities related to library programs and other community activities. To promote this goal, the Board of Trustees of the Onondaga Free Library has adopted the following rules governing the use of the Library.

1. Patrons must respect the rights of staff and other patrons at all times.
2. Patrons must not disturb others by engaging in disruptive behavior.
3. Patrons must not interfere with an employee's performance of his or her duties. Proscribed behavior includes, but is not limited to: verbal abuse, offensive gestures or language, threats of violence, sexual harassment, downloading, storing, printing, or any public display of illegal material or any material which interferes with the activities of Library staff or patrons, and any activity which contributes to a hostile or threatening environment.
4. The use of electronic equipment which may disturb other patrons or staff is prohibited in the public areas of the Library. This includes, but is not limited to: cell phones (silence them), audio equipment, and other electronic devices.
5. Patrons may not engage in any illegal activity on the library premises.
6. Solicitation of funds, distribution of literature, or sale of goods is forbidden, except by permission of the library director or other staff designated by the library director. Posted notices are limited to those submitted by non-profit organizations.
7. Use of any tobacco products or other drugs, including but not limited to, e-cigarettes in the library is prohibited.
8. Weapons of any kind are prohibited on library property.
9. No consumption of food or drink inside the library.
10. Gambling, offensive bodily hygiene, rollerblading, skateboarding, sleeping, spitting, or staring at others is prohibited.
11. Shoes and shirts are required of all persons entering the building.
12. Animals may not be brought into the Library unless they are required for a disabled person or are part of an authorized Library activity.
13. Patrons must not damage or deface library furnishings, equipment, or facilities. This includes no feet on furniture or walls or moving Library furniture. Library materials must not be damaged or defaced intentionally by marking, underlining, removing pages or portions of pages, using paper clips, or removing bindings. Library staff will use their discretion and may charge patrons for damage that occurs to above stated items.
14. Library materials and property may not be removed from the building without proper checkout or authorization.
15. Library materials may not be taken into restrooms.
16. Children under the age of 12 and/or vulnerable individuals are the responsibility of their parents or caregivers and may not be left unattended in the library or on the premises. Vulnerable individuals mean an individual with physical or cognitive impairment who may be unable to protect themselves from abuse or exploitation, and may not comprehend or be able to comply with library policies.
17. Parents are responsible for overseeing the conduct of their children while at the library, the selection of materials for their own children, and for their children's use of computer equipment and software within the library.
18. Patrons are solely responsible for their personal property while at the library.
19. Patrons are responsible for paying fines, fees, and other charges levied against their accounts in accordance with the Library's fine policy.
20. Patrons must follow posted guidelines on the use of electronic resources and equipment. This includes OFL's Internet Policy.
21. Patrons must observe intellectual property laws, including United States Copyright Laws.

Patrons guilty of violation of the above rules may be removed from the library. Repeated violations may result in the revocation of library privileges. Library personnel will call police when necessary to enforce any of the above rules.

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