Department of Community Services

New Castle County Public Libraries

Library Rules

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To ensure the continued safety and comfort of our patrons and staff, please observe the following:

1. Disruptive conduct is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to:
    - Interference with others' use of the library or with the duties of library staff
    - Verbal or written abuse
    - Intoxication or drunken behavior
    - Fighting, threats, or weapons in the library
    - Excessive noise, loud talking, shouting, playing of music etc.
    - Loitering on library premises, blocking library doors, solicitation
    - Cell phone use or use of other communication devices
    - Violation of dress code; shoes and shirts required
    - Disrupting other library users by offensive staring or touching, sleeping or offensive personal odor

2. Abuse of the library facility is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to:
    - Theft of library material
    - Damaging library property
    - Consuming food or beverage in the library
    - Skateboarding or wheeling on library property
    - Animals (with the exception of assistive animals) are prohibited on library property
    - Smoking is prohibited inside the library and in the vicinity of the library building

Library Policy

Thomas P. Gordon, County Executive

3. Abuse of the Internet policy is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Minors accessing the Internet without signed library application on file
- Attempts to circumvent the daily two-hour time limit
- Accessing prohibited material on the Internet
- Tampering with public work stations, printers, etc.

4. Parent/guardian is responsible for ensuring that their children follow the library rules. Library cannot assume custodial responsibility for children.

- Parents must stay with children under 6 years old at all times while using the library
- Children under the age of 12 cannot be left unattended in the library

Violation of rules may result in revocation of library privileges and / or notification of the police.

This list of Library rules and regulations is available at all public service desks.