
Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library – Detailed Rules of Behavior

Basic Rule: All persons who want to use the Library are welcome, but no one may interfere with any other person's ability to use the Library, or staff's ability to provide services.

Safety, order, and efficiency require specific rules which must be followed by all library users.

1. Behavior that is prohibited in the library includes—but is not limited to—the following:
 - Any illegal act
 - Soliciting, canvassing
 - Possession of alcohol or any illegal drugs
 - Mutilating, damaging or defacing Library materials
 - Drunkenness or inebriation
 - Indecency
 - Disrupting the orderly conduct of business
 - Engaging in harassing or threatening behavior toward staff
 - Loud or unruly behavior, such as yelling, swearing, hitting, slamming doors etc.
 - Vandalism, damage to the furniture or facilities
 - Smoking or use of tobacco or e-cigarettes/vaping products
 - Possessing, displaying or using weapons of any kind
 - Misusing computers or other software on Library computers
2. Persons in the Library are responsible for their personal property. The library is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
3. Material may not be removed from the library without proper authorization. (Books, etc., must be checked out. Passes must be signed for.) The Library reserves the right to inspect personal belongings for concealed Library material. Theft of Library material—or damaging or defacing material—may lead to prosecution under NH RSA 202-A.
4. Proper dress, including tops, bottoms, and shoes, is required at all times.
5. Roller blades, roller skates, skateboards, scooters, or other such devices may not be used inside the library, on walkways, steps, benches, or walls.
6. Children under ten (10) years of age must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times.
7. Persons needing continuous supervision or assistance must be accompanied by the appropriate supervisor or caregiver when visiting the library.
8. The Library's restrooms are for public use, but not for overlong personal usage or bathing.
9. Poor personal hygiene that interferes with others' ability to use the Library may be cause for eviction.
10. Service animals and animals involved in special library events are welcome. All other animals are prohibited.

Failure to comply with these rules may lead to revocation of library privileges and/or permanent expulsion from the Library.

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