



## CENTRAL ISLIP PUBLIC LIBRARY Public Behavior Policy

In order to maintain a safe and welcoming environment for reading, learning and other Library activities, the Central Islip Public Library requires all visitors to comply with the following Public Behavior Policy:

The following are not allowed at the Central Islip Public Library:

- Engaging in conduct that disrupts or interferes with normal operation of the Library, or that disturbs staff or other Library visitors. Such conduct includes:
  - Harassing or threatening behavior.
  - Using obscene or abusive language or gestures.
  - Being unreasonably loud, including on a cell phone, as determined by a staff member. (Designated area for cell phone use is the lobby)
- Engaging in sexual conduct or lewd behavior.
- Possessing a knife, gun, or any other weapon.
- Smoking, including e-cigarettes, as per County Law.
- Eating and drinking (covered drinks and snacks) are permitted, in lobby area only.
- Using alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Sleeping in the Library or at the Library's entrance.
- Making use of the rest rooms for other than lavatory purposes (including laundering clothes and bathing.)
- Soliciting, petitioning, or canvassing, or the selling any goods or services.
- Using skates, skateboards, scooters, or similar vehicles; indoors or out.
- Bringing in an animal, unless it is a qualified service animal.
- Damaging, defacing, or misusing any Library materials or property. This includes disabling Library equipment, changing the hardware or software or settings on a Library computer, or using a Library computer for a purpose other than that designated by the Library.
- Engaging in any activity in violation of federal, state, local or other applicable law or Library policies.

Please also be aware that:

- The Library is not responsible for personal items that are lost, stolen, or damaged on Library premises.
- Library security officers and staff can inspect your property when you arrive or depart.
- You must wear clothing and shoes in the Library and your body odor must not be so offensive that it disturbs others.
- Some items in the Library cannot be copied because of copyright laws, poor condition, or donor restrictions.
- The Library is not responsible for children who are left unattended on Library premises; please see the Library's Unattended Children Policy.

- Library staff and security officers can ask visitors to show their Library cards or other ID at any time.
- Large groups (5 or more) that want to visit the Library must obtain permission before they visit.
- Photography and recording are not allowed on Library premises without prior permission.
- Certain reading rooms and other Library spaces have additional restrictions.

Violation of any of the above cited conditions for Library usage may subject a violator to a request to leave; the loss of Library privileges and/or arrest.

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