General Conduct Policy

The Library Board of Trustees has adopted the following code of conduct policy to provide a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable library facility.

- Any conduct that disrupts the delivery of library services or hinders others from using library materials or receiving library services is prohibited.
  (Massachusetts General Laws, Ch. 272, Sec. 41)
- Any conduct that is potentially abusive or harmful to library personnel or patrons, materials or facilities is prohibited.
- The use of false identification to obtain a library card or to check out library materials, or use of another person's library card without their permission, is against state law.
  (Massachusetts General Laws, Ch. 266, Sec. 99)
- Theft, defacement, or damage of library materials or property is against state law.
  (Massachusetts General Laws, Ch. 266, Sec.99 and 100)
- Parents can be held liable for damage done by a child under the age of 18.
  (Massachusetts General Laws, Ch. 231, Sec. 85G)
- Consumption of tobacco products, marijuana and e-cigarettes is prohibited in the Library and on Library property.
  (Massachusetts General Laws, Ch. 270, Sec. 22, and LEED certification requirement)
- Sleeping is not permitted in the Library.
- Patrons must enter the library wearing shoes and shirts, and must not have offensive body odor or personal hygiene or be otherwise attired in a way that is disruptive to the library environment.
- Headsets or cell phones in use must not be audible to others.

Library staff is authorized to enforce this code of conduct policy, and to call for police assistance and/or contact a parent or guardian when necessary. The Library reserves the right to revoke or restrict Library privileges in cases of violation of the code of conduct policy.

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