

Patron Code of Conduct

Rules for Patron Behavior:

The Groton Public Library encourages people of all ages to visit the library. The library staff and those using the library and its resources have the right to expect a safe and comfortable environment. At the discretion of staff, people demonstrating disruptive or inappropriate behavior may be required to immediately leave. Refusal to leave the premises will result in the staff member calling 911. Inappropriate behavior includes, but is not limited to:

- Loud talking
- Running
- Eating or drinking in the computer area
- Deliberately annoying other patrons and/or staff
- Misuse of library property or services
- Abusive language or behavior
- Harassment or lewd behavior

All serious offenses will be reported to the director/manager. Any illegal acts will be reported to the police.

Use of cell phones for conversations inside the library is not allowed if it is disruptive. Use of personal computers and audio equipment is permitted only if the noise level is low.

Children are especially welcome at the library; however, parents (or guardians) are responsible for the behavior of their children in the library. Children under age 10 must be supervised by a responsible person who is at least 16 years old. The supervising person is responsible for insuring the children's good behavior. Children who have not been picked up at closing will be left in the care of the Groton Police Department.

Suspension of Computer Privileges:

Infractions of the Rules for Computer Use at the Groton Public Library will be treated as follows:

- 1st infraction: loss of computer privileges for 30 days
- 2nd infraction: loss of computer privileges for 60 days
- 3rd infraction: permanent loss of computer privileges

Deliberate or illegal actions may result in a lifetime ban on the use of library computer systems and legal action.

Suspension of Library Privileges and Banishment from Premises:

Infractions of the Patron Code of Contact will be treated as follows:

- 1st infraction: loss of library privileges & banishment for a minimum of 30 days*
- 2nd infraction: loss of library privileges & banishment for a minimum of 60 days*
- 3rd infraction: permanent loss of library privileges & banishment from premises

Deliberate or illegal actions may result in legal action and a lifetime ban from the Groton Public Library.

*Depending upon the severity of infraction, the Library Executive and Board of Trustees may impose longer or permanent suspension and banishment.