

Code of Conduct

The Rye Free Reading Room provides a safe and pleasant atmosphere in which people can use the library and its resources. This Code of Conduct outlines acceptable behavior for customers of the Library, with respect to the rights of all other customers and the staff.

- Engaging in conduct that disrupts or interferes with the normal operation of the Library, or that disturbs Library visitors or staff, is not permitted.
 - Damaging, destroying, misusing, or moving furniture, fixtures, equipment, or property belonging to the Library is not permitted. This includes disabling or unplugging Library equipment, changing hardware or software, or using a Library computer for purposes not designated by the Library. Misuse of the rest rooms is not permitted.
 - Interfering with, harassing, or intimidating other customers, Library staff or Library volunteers is unacceptable.
 - Library materials must be checked out to a library customer before being removed from the library.
 - Loud talking and the use of cell phones, personal audio equipment and other electronic devices without earphones are to be limited to the lobby area or enclosed stairs. Quiet must be maintained in the designated quiet areas.
 - Smoking, chewing, and using other tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products, is not permitted inside the building, or within 100 feet of the entrances and exits.
 - The use of skates, skateboards, scooters, or bicycles is not permitted on library property.
 - Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times.
 - Responsible consumption of individually packaged food and drinks is allowed; full meals are allowed only as part of programs and events held in the Meeting Room. Pungent foods should be consumed outside the library. Beverages may be consumed in the library in covered containers only. Consumption of alcohol is not permitted on library property.
 - The Library is not responsible for children who are left unattended on Library premises. Unattended children are children of any age who are apparently unaccompanied by a parent, guardian, and/or responsible caregiver in the Library. Parents, guardians and/or caregivers are solely responsible for the safety and behavior of their children. Children under the age of seven must be accompanied by a responsible adult or teenager at all times.
 - Except for events and sales conducted by the Library, solicitations for charitable, religious or other purpose, selling of tickets or merchandise of any kind or obtaining signatures on petitions and surveying Library patrons are only permitted on Library premises with prior approval of the Director.
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The Rye Free Reading Room staff is authorized to administer this policy and to modify and/or adapt the Code of Conduct to special circumstances. The above Code of Conduct is not intended to be a complete list of expected behavior. The Library Director, or the director's designee, reserves the right to take appropriate action against any other behavior which can reasonably be deemed to be offensive or disturbing to Library patrons or staff.

Customers who do not comply with any reasonable request of the staff may be asked to leave the Library premises. Continued noncompliance may result in action ranging from suspension to termination of Library privileges and denial of access to the Library premises.