



CODE OF CONDUCT

It is the intent of Dansville Public Library to provide a safe environment for its patrons and staff. Observing this Code of Conduct and all related library policies helps to make the library a welcoming place for the entire community. Dansville Public Library supports the rights of all individuals to:

- Courteous and respectful service
- Free and equitable access to information
- Privacy and confidentiality in their use of library services and collections
- A clean, comfortable, and pleasant environment
- Use of the library undisturbed and without threat of harm, interference, or discrimination

GUIDELINES

The following policies are in effect at all times:

- Shirts and shoes are required for all individuals in the building
- Smoking is not permitted on library premises
- Only service animals are permitted inside the building, except as approved for library programs
- Beverages and snack foods may be enjoyed in the library away from public access computers, so long as users clean up afterwards

Behaviors that interfere with normal library operations, compromise safety or security, or prevent others from using or enjoying library services are prohibited. These include but are not limited to:

- Excessive noise that disturbs other library users
- Treating library materials, equipment, furniture, or property in a destructive manner
- Handing out unsolicited literature or petitioning on library premises
- Fighting, both physical and verbal
- Larceny or theft of library materials or the private property of other library users or staff
- Foul language, obscene conduct, and/or indecent exposure
- Interfering with the free passage of staff or users in or onto library premises
- Sleeping on library property
- Committing or attempting to commit a violation of any federal, state and local laws, including in regard to the sale and/or use of controlled substances
- Using the library's computers and/or internet connection in an illegal way
- Possession of firearms, knives, or other weapons
- Disobeying the reasonable direction of library staff

YOUTH SAFETY

The following guidelines specifically apply to youth patrons:

- Children under the age of nine must be accompanied by an adult, except as approved for library programs.
- Parents/Guardians are responsible for the behavior of their children in the library, whether or not the parent/guardian is present.



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RESPONSE TO INFRACTIONS

Violation of this Code of Conduct and/or library policy will be addressed in these steps:

- A verbal warning will be issued
- The individual(s) will be asked to leave the library
- Police will be called if the individual(s) does(do) not leave or if the library staff deems it necessary or feels threatened in any way
- Repeat misconduct or severe offenses (even if a single isolated event) may result in the individual(s) being banned from library property and/or the suspension of library privileges

Questions or concerns regarding the Dansville Public Library, this Code of Conduct, or related policies should be forwarded to the Director.

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