



Pittsford Community Library Policies

Patron Rules of Conduct

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The Pittsford Community Library welcomes everyone to use its collections, services, and facility. The library is a public resource that offers opportunities for reading, study, educational and informational activities and community gathering. Patrons are asked to respect the rights of other users and to cooperate with the library staff in maintaining a welcoming, safe, comfortable and reasonably quiet environment. To achieve this we ask that patrons follow these rules of conduct in the Library:

1. It is the Library's expectation that parents or legal guardians will assume responsibility for the behavior of their children. Parents and legal guardians are expected to supervise their children while in the library and decide what library resources are most appropriate.
2. Reasonable quiet is expected, especially in designated study areas. No patrons may disturb others using the Library. To this end we ask that patrons carrying cell phones turn them off in the Library and use them only in the outer lobby.
3. Respect for library users and staff shall prevail at all times. Harassing or threatening others, whether verbally or physically is not tolerated. Stalking behaviors, including cyberstalking, photographing, or taking video without express permission, will not be allowed.
4. Users may not engage in any activity that is harassing, defamatory, or threatening; or receive or display graphics which may reasonably be construed as obscene or inappropriate.
5. Running, jumping or climbing is not allowed.
6. Only service animals are permitted in the Library.
7. Patrons are expected to wear appropriate clothing at all times including shirts and shoes and practice acceptable personal hygiene.
8. No possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal substances is allowed in the Library. In accordance with New York State Public Health Law, smoking is prohibited in the Library facilities and within 100 feet of the entrances and exits of the Library. Vaping is likewise prohibited.
9. Defacing, damaging, mutilating or stealing Library materials and equipment is prohibited.
10. Copyright laws and software-licensing agreements will be followed.
11. Illegal protective devices are not permitted in the Library

The above enumerated rules are not intended to be a complete list, but are instead intended for guidance only. Library employees reserve the right to take appropriate action(s) against any other behavior which can reasonably be deemed to be offensive to library patrons or staff.

Any patron not abiding by these or other rules and regulations of the Library will be asked to leave the Library premises and not permitted to return for a specified period of time. Library employees are trained to contact the Monroe County Sheriff's Department if deemed advisable. Patron concerns should be brought to the attention of the Library Director.