



Code of Conduct

The vision of the Dobbs Ferry Public Library (Library) is to be the heart of the community. To accomplish this we strive to create a **common and inclusive space** that is **welcoming to all in the community**. The Dobbs Ferry Public Library Board of Trustees has adopted this code of conduct with respect to patron conduct to ensure the **comfort and safety** of patrons and library staff, and to protect and preserve the physical collection, library equipment, library building and grounds. Patrons are expected to act in a manner that is **respectful of other patrons and library staff**, to **supervise children under 11**, and to remain **fully clothed** in the Library at all times, including shoes and shirt.

We **DO NOT** permit conduct that poses a **health and safety risk; disturbs, threatens, or interferes** with any person's use of the Library; **prevents Library staff** from carrying out their work; or **harms Library property**, such as:

- Physically or verbally assaulting, threatening, intimidating, harassing, or abusing any other person; discourteous or disrespectful interactions with staff or other Library users.
- Possession of a weapon (as defined by NYS Penal Law 265) by anyone other than a law enforcement officer.
- Any form of sexual misconduct, such as exposure, offensive touching, or sexual harassment as defined by New York State law.
- Behavior that disturbs other patrons' use of the Library, such as noise or loud talking (including on cell phones); prolonged or noisy sleeping; viewing of offensive websites; leaving behind food/garbage; emitting a strong odor, including cologne or perfume, that impairs the ability of others to use the Library.
- Stealing, destroying, or vandalizing Library facilities or property; improper use of Library equipment and materials, including rearranging or placing feet on furniture and rearranging texts or equipment; eating food at Library computer stations.
- Blocking access to entrances, exits, or materials; entering a staff-only area without explicit permission.
- Possession or consumption of illegal drugs; smoking or vaping within 100 feet of Library entrance (includes plaza, terrace, and parking lot); consumption of alcohol, except as approved at Library programs.
- Soliciting, distributing materials, or selling tickets, food, or merchandise unless authorized by Library policy.
- Bringing animals into the building with the exception of service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Riding any non-ADA approved wheeled vehicle on Library grounds.

This is not a complete list of prohibited conduct and is intended for guidance only. Any member of the Library staff is authorized to ask persons who violate the Code of Conduct to immediately leave the Library premises and may be denied the privilege of access to the library by the Library Director.