

Patron Behavior Policy

The Trustees of the Bridgton Public Library hope that patrons find the library comfortable and welcoming. The Trustees have established Rules of Conduct so that library users and staff have a clean, pleasant and safe environment.

The following are prohibited:

- Engaging in any activity prohibited by law
- Bringing weapons of any kind into the library
- Disruptive or unsafe behavior including any conduct that interferes with the use of the library by others or with the functioning of the library staff
- Use of loud, abusive threatening or insulting language
- Use of obscene or pornographic Internet sites
- Sexual harassment or misconduct
- Activities that may result in damage to library property
- Smoking
- Use of scheduled (illegal) substances
- Alcoholic beverage consumption
- Inappropriate clothing (e.g. absence of shirt or shoes)
- Animals, except for assistance dogs
- Petitioning, soliciting or selling merchandise

The Bridgton Public Library reserves the right to prohibit persons who do not abide by the library's Rules of Conduct from using its facilities and premises. Library personnel may ask persons who are exhibiting inappropriate behavior to modify their behavior. Staff have been instructed to call the police for assistance in dealing with patrons who are abusive or who refuse to modify their behavior when asked to do so. Noncompliance of this policy may result in the individual being banned from the library premises and in serious cases, arrest and prosecution.