

Please Enjoy the Newtown Public Library and Respect its use by Others

The mission of the Newtown Public Library is to encourage the joy of reading, the exploration of ideas, and the pursuit of lifelong learning for all. For the Library to carry out its mission, those who use library facilities or materials are asked to show consideration for others. The following rules have been established by the Board of Trustees of Newtown Public Library to benefit all users, to assist staff and volunteers, and to protect the property and interests of Newtown Public Library.

Rules of Conduct While Using the Newtown Public Library

Please:

- Follow the rules for library computer use as outlined in the **Internet Use Agreement**.
- Wear shoes and shirts.

Please do not:

- Use personal electronic equipment, or talk, either on the phone or in person, in a volume that causes significant disturbance to others.
- Block entrances, exits, aisles or any other space designed for patrons to access the library's collections or services.
- Run, push, jump or climb.
- Leave children under age 10 unattended. The library is not responsible for unattended children. Children under age 10 must be accompanied and directly supervised by an adult, always, in all areas of the library and on its grounds.
- Leave personal belongings unattended in the library.
- Use bicycles, skateboards, roller skates or other sports equipment in the building or on the library grounds except for those areas designated for such activities.
- Damage library equipment and materials.
- Bring pets inside the library (except for service animals), except as allowed by library-approved events.
- Use alcohol on the property except during library sanctioned events.
- Use tobacco (including e-cigarettes) on the property.
- Act in ways that disrespect or threaten other library users or staff.
- Solicit, petition, or distribute material inside or outside of the library that has not been approved by the library.
- Sleep in the library or on library property.
- Commit or attempt to commit any action that is a violation of federal, state, or local laws.

The above examples do not constitute a complete list of behaviors that might be considered disruptive. Library staff on duty have the authority to interpret and enforce these rules of conduct. They may warn users when behavior is unacceptable and ask those who fail to comply with warning to leave the premises including the library parking lot and grounds. Staff may contact legal authorities when the user's behavior is illegal or when a user refuses to cease an unacceptable behavior.