

## **Patron Code of Conduct**

In order to provide an appropriate library environment; to ensure constructive use of New Woodstock Free Library facilities, materials, and services; and to protect the safety and personal comfort of all our Library patrons and staff, the following Code of Conduct is in effect at all times.

Anyone who violates or deliberately subverts the Code of Conduct, or who violates any federal, state, or local criminal statute or ordinance, may be banned from the Library, and risks prosecution to the full extent of the law.

The Library expects that its patrons will respect the rights of others and of Library materials and spaces.

### **Examples of Unacceptable Activities**

The following are examples of behaviors that are not permitted because they interfere with the enjoyment and use of the Library by other patrons, present a health or safety hazard, or are inconsistent with the Library's mission:

- Harassing or threatening behavior of any kind.
- Loud talking, yelling, or making any other noise that reasonably can be expected to disturb other Library users.
- Using, distributing, or being under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol.
- Using tobacco products or smoking in any form, including but not limited to electronic cigarettes/vaping.
- Soliciting in the Library or on Library property or distributing and/or posting literature that has not been approved by the Library administration.
- Using audio equipment, with or without headphones, at a volume that is audible to others.
- Entering or using the Library without being fully clothed, including footwear.
- Vandalizing, stealing, defacing or destroying any Library material, equipment, building component or other property

### **Rule enforcement**

Persons engaging in unacceptable behavior, as determined by the Library Director or other staff, will receive a verbal request to stop. If the behavior continues, the individual(s) will be asked to leave the Library. The Library Director may decide to bar a patron who is a repeat violator from the use of the Library for a specified period of time or permanently. A patron whose privileges have been denied may request, in writing, to have the decision reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

**Approved by the Library Board of Trustees on January 5, 2021**