Cape May County Library Code of Conduct

The library staff strives to make this facility an inviting place for all people. It is the intent of the library that all persons should be able to use its facilities to the maximum extent possible during its regularly scheduled hours.

This Code of Conduct has been developed to minimize situations in which any library patron interferes with library staff, equipment, or other patrons for the protection of all involved. Patrons are expected to follow the Code of Conduct. Thank you for your cooperation.

- Library entrance areas, aisles, and passageways will be kept clear and unobstructed.
- Bicycles will be kept in bike racks.
- Patrons will wear appropriate clothing, including shoes and shirts.
- Library patrons will use their own library card.
- Rollerblades, skateboards, and Heelys will not be used in the library.
- Only enclosed beverages and snack foods will be brought into the library and neither will be situated next to library computers or other library technology.
- Cell phones kept on vibrate are permitted in the library.
- Patrons will refrain from using profanity.
- Patrons will not engage in noisy or disruptive behavior: running, throwing, loud talking, fighting, pushing, or shoving will not be allowed.
- Patrons will not create an intimidating or hostile environment for staff or patrons.
- Patrons will comply with the library's Internet Acceptable Use Policy.
- The library and its grounds are a no soliciting zone.
- Library furniture and equipment will be treated responsibly.
- Volume on audio equipment will be kept low so that the sound will not bother others.
- Library patrons will maintain a reasonable level of hygiene.
- Alcohol is not to be brought into or consumed in the library.
- Illegal activities include, but are not limited to: vandalism, drug possession or use, theft, and public drunkenness, as well as verbal, physical, or sexual harassment.

Anyone refusing to follow the Code of Conduct will be asked to leave. Depending on the severity of the rule breaking, a patron may be asked to stay away from the library for a period of time, to be determined by library administration.