

SOUTH HUNTINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

APPROPRIATE USE OF LIBRARY

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The Board of Trustees has adopted the following Rules and Regulations for Use of the Library so that the Library may provide an atmosphere conducive to the appropriate use of its services and facilities.

The following actions are prohibited on Library property:

- Selling and/or soliciting for money, or items, or services, without prior approval of the Library Director.
- Distributing or posting materials/literature that has not been approved by the Library Director.
- Possessing or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Consumption of food or drink, except in designated areas.
- Smoking or other uses of tobacco, including electronic nicotine delivery systems (i.e. e-cigarettes).
- Bringing animals or pets into the library except for patrons with disabilities that may have service animals trained to assist with a sensory, mental or physical disability or to perform tasks for the benefit of a disabled individual.
- Any loud, unreasonable, and/or disturbing noises created by persons, radios, tape players, televisions, telephones or other equipment.
- Extended conversation between two or more people in the adult library is prohibited.
- Intentionally damaging, destroying, or stealing any library property or a patron's or employee's property.
- Removing library materials from the premises without authorization.
- Carrying weapons of any type.
- Engaging in disorderly conduct, fighting, or challenging to fight, or using offensive words likely to provoke violence.
- Indecent exposure.
- Using obscene language and/or committing abusive acts.
- Willfully disrupting library functions and /or programs.
- Any other illegal acts or misconduct in violation of Federal, state, or local law, ordinance, or regulation.

In addition, photography, videotaping or use of other recording devices may not interfere with the provision of library services. Staff will terminate any photography, videotaping or audio recording session that appears to compromise public safety, security or infringes on staff members' or patrons' right to privacy.

Individuals or groups who commit any of the above prohibited actions are violating the rules and regulations of the library (and may have their library privileges suspended). The Librarian-in-Charge may, if necessary, expel an unruly patron from the Library building and grounds for a twenty-four hour period. In severe situations, the Director may bar an individual from library property for up to two weeks. Patrons may appeal an expulsion in excess of three days to the Library Board of Trustees.