

## POQUOSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

### CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LIBRARY PATRONS

Welcome to Poquoson Public Library. This Code of Conduct is posted for the guidance, safety, courtesy and respect of all who use this facility and services. We ask your cooperation in maintaining an environment conducive to reading and study. Please enjoy the library and respect its use by others.

Poquoson Public Library requires the public to comply with the following rules and regulations.

- Any improper conduct that disturbs library users or staff, or that hinders others from using the library or library materials, is prohibited. The following forms of conduct shall be considered improper.
  - Talking loudly or making noises that disturb other people.
  - Fighting, rough play or running.
  - Obscene or abusive language or acts.
  - Eating, drinking, or use of tobacco.
  - Extreme body odor or other strong smells.
  - Animals other than service dogs.
  - Possessing or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs.
  - Theft or damage of any library property.
  - Soliciting or petitioning for any purpose.
  - Possession or display of weapons, except as permitted by law.
  - Any other illegal acts or conduct in violation of federal, state or local law and regulations.
- Children under 10 years of age may not be left unattended. Parents or guardians are responsible for the appropriate behavior of their children.
- Proper clothing and shoes should be worn at all times.
- All library materials must be checked out in accordance with established procedures prior to removal from the library.
- A patron may leave his/her bags at the front desk; otherwise, the library reserves the right to inspect all bags, purses, etc. for library material.

**Failure to comply with any of the above rules and regulations may result in suspension of library privileges and/or arrest.**

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