

Wayland Free Library – Rules of Conduct

The purpose of these rules is to ensure that patrons of the Wayland Free Library facilities have access to and use of library facilities in a quiet, orderly, peaceful and safe atmosphere, unhindered and undisturbed by the disruptive actions and behavior of others.

A person will be immediately expelled for committing or attempting to commit a serious felony, including assault, theft, vandalism, sexual offenses, inappropriate behavior involving minors, or the use of alcohol or controlled substances. Whenever there is reasonable cause to believe that an individual has committed any of the above mentioned acts on the Library Premises, the appropriate law enforcement authorities will be summoned. The violator shall be asked to leave the premises and may have Library privileges revoked for a period of one year.

A person may lose library privileges for:

- Engaging in disorderly or inappropriate conduct, harassment, disruptive or boisterous behavior
- Bringing in any dangerous weapon unless permitted by law.
- Creating an unsafe environment in the library
- Bringing in food or beverages into the library unless authorized.
- Smoking or any other use of tobacco in or around library property.
- Making use of the restrooms for any purpose other than for which they were intended.
- Sleeping in the library.
- Misuse of library furniture or equipment.
- Interfering with or blocking free passage with bicycles, large backpacks, carts, and similar items.
- Failing to maintain control over personal belongings.
- Soliciting, distributing materials, petitioning, or canvassing.
- Entering or remaining barefoot or shirtless.
- Materially interfering with others' use of the Library because of poor personal hygiene.
- ***A person may be required to leave the library if his/her hygiene interferes with the orderly operation of the library or with the ability of other patrons to use and enjoy the facility.***
- Bringing in animals, other than certified assistive animals.
- Leaving children under age of nine in the library unattended.
- Displaying print or non-print materials of an offensive nature to others.

Cellular phones telephone users are requested to confine calls to the Library's entryway or indoor southwest corner of the building.

The library staff will apply all local ordinances and state laws which govern behavior in public places as well as those regarding defacement, theft and vandalism of public property including library materials.

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