

CHESTER COUNTY LIBRARY

LIBRARY CODE OF CONDUCT:

The Board of Trustees of the Chester County Library has adopted the Code of Conduct to provide a welcoming and safe environment for those using library facilities and resources.

Warnings are at the discretion of library staff. Failure to comply with the Library's established regulations may result in removal from the premises, exclusion from the library system, termination of library privileges and arrest or prosecution.

The following are **prohibited** at the Chester County Library:

- Any loud conversation or noise that disturbs or interrupts library customers (including cell phone calls)
- Sitting on tables or putting feet on furniture
- Refusal to leave library
- Bring non-service pets (no pets allowed)/animals into a library or leaving them tied up outside
- Theft, defacement or vandalism of library property or materials
- Leaving a child under the age of 9 unattended
- Using the rest rooms for inappropriate purposes such as bathing
- The possession or use of alcohol, drugs or use of tobacco products in a library facility or property
- Eating and drinking is not permitted unless in designated areas and as allowed for special library programs or events
- Engaging in any sexual activity, sexual harassment or indecent exposure including the public display of material inconsistent with the Internet Safety Policy
- Not being fully clothed, including not wearing shoes or a shirt
- No sleeping
- Bicycles may not be brought into the building. Skateboarding and or rollerblading are not permitted on library property.
- No weapons are permitted on library property (except law enforcement officers).
- Visitors are not allowed in non-public areas of the library unless conducting official library business or accompanied by a member of the library staff
- Patrons must leave the library at closing time. The library has the right to call the police for patrons that remain in the library at closing.

ADA Compliance at the Chester County Library:

The Chester County Library adheres to the Americans with Disabilities Act that assures equal access to all library facilities, activities, and programs.

Every attempt will be made to accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities, and the library welcomes input from persons with disabilities about ways the library can serve them.

Questions about ADA compliance and complaints or suggestions about accessibility of library facilities, activities, and programs should be addressed to the Library Director.

Previously the Policy was called the Patron Behavior Policy and originally adopted 2/13/2012. Current policy was revised and approved by the Board 5/8/2018.