



Patron Code of Conduct

The Dryden Public Library asks your cooperation in maintaining a safe and welcoming environment that allows all patrons to enjoy and use our facility, collections and services.

All staff and patrons of the Dryden Public Library will be:

- Mutually respectful
- Responsible
- Lawful
- Considerate of Library property

All patrons are expected to:

- Supervise children and vulnerable individuals in their care. No children under the age of nine (9) are permitted to be in the Library without supervision.
- Attend to their personal belongings. The Library is not liable for lost, stolen or damaged property.
- Speak and work at a considerate volume, minimize distracting sounds such as cell phones and electronics, and take calls only in designated areas.
- Dress appropriately, including wearing shoes and shirts at all times.
- Use library furniture, equipment and property properly and only for their intended purposes.
- Use the washrooms only for their intended purposes.
- Refrain from the use of tobacco, e-cigarettes, alcohol or illicit drugs.

Examples of behaviour NOT permitted in the Library include:

- Threatening, abusive or harassing language, behaviour or actions.
- Actions or behaviour that damage library property.
- Being under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances; selling, using or possessing alcohol or illegal substances.
- Damage or theft of library property, including vandalism or graffiti.
- Photographing or filming without prior approval from a library staff member.
- Petitioning, posting of flyers, soliciting or engaging in commercial activity unless authorized by the CEO/Chief Librarian.
- Smoking in the Library or within 3 meters of the library building.
- Consuming alcohol or partaking in illicit drugs on library property.

Library staff will make every effort to apply these rules in a fair and positive manner for the safety and benefit of all patrons. At the sole discretion of the Library, anyone choosing to disrespect the policies of the Library may be asked to leave. This could result in suspension of library privileges, cost-recovery charges, and/or prosecution.

Trespass notices may be issued by the CEO/Chief Librarian on behalf of the Board and under the authority of the Public Libraries Act R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 44 and the Trespass to Property Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. T. 21.

A full copy of Dryden Public Library Board Policy OP-06 Patron Code of Conduct is available in the Library and by request.

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