

## **PATRON CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Streator Public Library**

The Streator Public Library welcomes all individuals to use and enjoy the library's facilities and services. The library is dedicated to maintaining a safe and pleasant environment for all library patrons. The library also ensures safe access to library facilities, the safety of both patrons and staff and the protection of the library collection, equipment and building. The enforcement of these rules shall be by the Executive Director and /or designated library staff.

It is the patron's responsibility to use the library in a manner that a) does not interfere with the rights of other individuals to use the library materials resources, and services, b) does not limit the ability of the library staff to conduct library business, and c) does not threaten the secure and comfortable environment of the library.

The following forms of conduct are not permitted and are representative of actions that may result in the loss of library privileges.

Behavior that disturbs or interferes with others' use of the library services. Examples include (but are not limited to) fighting, throwing things, swearing, using abusive or threatening language, harassing other patrons or staff, interfering with staff's performance of their duties or making inappropriate comments about staff or patrons or refusing to comply with staff requests. Disruptive or offensive behavior is determined at the discretion of the library staff.

Possessing alcohol and/or illegal substances or drug paraphernalia, or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The use of tobacco products or vaping on library property which includes the building, its entryways and within 20 feet of the building.

Carrying or displaying real or simulated weapons or any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon, except by authorized law enforcement officials.

Loud or disruptive conversations, either-in-person or on a cell phone/speaker phone or other electronic device. Headphones or ear buds should be used at a level not audible to others. Texting on cell phones is allowed.

Eating or drinking in the library except in the Soderstrom Room. Water in a covered container is permissible in all areas of the library.

Leaving a vulnerable adult or child under the age of 10 unattended at anytime.

Impeding access to the Library or any part of the Library property.

Defacing, marring, or damaging library materials, furnishings, equipment, or facilities.

Trespassing in non-public .

Using library facilities for purposed other than intended including bathing, sleeping and inappropriate use of library furniture.

Being shirtless, shoeless or otherwise attired as to constitute a nuisance to other library patrons and staff.

Having strong, pervasive odor or personal hygiene that unreasonably disturbs others.

Soliciting, petitioning, canvassing, fundraising, or selling on library property unless authorized by the Library Director and/or the Board of Directors.

Using roller skates/blades, skateboards or bicycles in the library.

Bringing animals into the library, other than service animals or animals permitted by the Library Director (or designate) for special programming purposes or leaving animals unattended on any part of library property.

Leaving unattended personal items in the building. Unattended or suspicious items may be removed from the premises without notice. All bags and containers are subject to inspection.

Anyone violating the regulations of the Streator Public Library may be asked to leave the premises. Staff will notify the Police Department if an individual fails to heed staff requests. In case of severe or repeated violations of the library's regulations, the Library Director may suspend library privileges for one day up to six months.

Any patron whose privileges have been denied may have the decision reviewed by the Library Board of Trustees upon written request.