



## Trumbull Library System Patron Conduct Policy

The Trumbull Library System Patron Conduct Policy is intended:

- to ensure everyone's Library experience is pleasant and safe
- to protect the rights and safety of Library patrons
- to protect the rights and safety of Library staff members, and
- to preserve and protect the Library's materials, facilities and property.

### **Definitions and Scope**

This policy shall apply to all buildings, interior and exterior, and all grounds controlled and operated by the Trumbull Library System (such buildings and grounds are hereafter referred to as the "premises") and to all persons entering in or on the premises.

Persons who violate the following Patron Conduct Rules may be ejected from the premises and excluded from all Library premises for a period of time determined at the discretion of the Library Director, Assistant Director or their designate.

### **Patron Conduct Rules**

1. Committing or attempting to commit any activity that would constitute a violation of any federal, state or local criminal statute or ordinance.
2. Engaging in sexual conduct.
3. Being under the influence of any controlled substance or intoxicating liquor.
4. Possessing, selling, distributing or consuming any alcoholic beverage, except as allowed at Library-approved event.
5. Engaging in conduct that disrupts or interferes with the normal operation of the Library, or disturbs Library staff or patrons, including, but not limited to conduct that involves the use of abusive or threatening language or gestures, conduct that creates unreasonable noise, or conduct that consists of loud or boisterous physical behavior or talking.
6. Using Library materials, equipment, furniture, fixtures or buildings in a manner inconsistent with the customary use thereof; or in a destructive, abusive or potentially damaging manner, or in a manner likely to personal injury to the individual and/or to others.
7. Improperly using Library restrooms, including, but not limited to, bathing, shaving, washing hair, and changing clothes.

8. Disobeying the reasonable direction of a Library staff member.
9. Interfering with the free passage of Library staff or patrons in or on the Library premises, including, but not limited to, placing objects such as bicycles, skateboards, backpacks or other items in a manner that interferes with free passage.
10. Smoking in the Library building and/or on surrounding Library grounds.
11. Food and beverages may not be consumed in the public areas of the Library, except for items provided by the Library.
12. Operating roller skates, skateboards or other similar devices in or near Library.
13. Bringing animals inside Library buildings (*with the exception of service animals*), except as allowed at a Library-approved event.
14. Sleeping in or on Library premises.
15. Entering Library buildings with bare feet or bare chest.
16. Using cell phones in public areas except in for Library lobby areas.  
*\*Please see Cell Phone Policy adopted 2/4/04.*

**Rules 1-5:**

*Any person who violates any of the rules 1 through 4 while in or on Library premises will be immediately ejected and excluded from all Trumbull Library System premises without first being given a warning.*

*Any person so excluded shall lose all Library privileges for a period to be determined by the Library Director, and the incident will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.*

**Rules 5-13:**

*Any person who violates any of the 5 through 13 while in or on Library premises will be given up to one warning at the discretion of Library staff; then the person will be asked to leave the premises for the day. Subsequent offenses by said person will result in that person's immediate ejection and exclusion from all Trumbull Library premises.*

*Any person so excluded shall lose all Library privileges for a period to be determined by the Library Director. Once the probation period is over the patron (in event of minor patron, parent/guardian) will meet with the Director and agree to the parameters of acceptable behavior.*

**Rules 14-16:**

*Any person who violates any of the rules 14-16 while in or on Library premises will be given up to two warnings at the discretion of Library staff; then, the person will be asked to leave the premises for the day. Subsequent offenses by that person will result in that person's immediate ejection and exclusion from all Trumbull Library premises. Any person so excluded shall lose all Library privileges for a period determined by the Library Director.*

This "Patron Conduct Policy" is subject to change at the discretion of the Trumbull Library Board of Trustees.

"In accordance with the General State Statutes of Connecticut, Section 11-23, The Trumbull Library System Board of Trustees shall make and adopt bylaws, rules and regulations for the government of the Library and reading room."

*Adopted by the Trumbull Library Board of Trustees ~ March 11, 2009*