

Mattapoisett Free Public Library

Appropriate Use Policy

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library is committed to being an enjoyable and safe environment in which patrons and staff can fully benefit from and utilize the library's resources and services. This policy is designed to promote the appropriate use of the library by all to protect the rights and safety of everyone. Use of the library requires respect for others who are also enjoying the library facility, grounds, and services. It is expected that both patrons and staff will respect all town resources. To that end:

- Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Any behavior which would hinder the library from carrying out its mission is considered to be disruptive.
- Soliciting of any kind is not allowed. The fundraising efforts of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library and the Library Trust are exempt.
- Animals, other than service animals, are not allowed in the library except with the express permission of the Library Director.
- Destruction of property, including but not limited to books, any part of the library facility, another person's property, etc., is not allowed, per Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 266, Section 99A.
- Patrons are expected to take responsibility for their personal possessions.
- Patrons are expected to comply with all library policies, which are posted on the library's website www.mattapoisettlibrary.org.
- Patrons should report disruptive behavior to a library staff member. Any behavior that interferes with their use of the library may be considered disruptive.
- Behavior in violation of Federal, State, local or other applicable law will be reported immediately.
- Proper attire, including shoes and shirts, is required.
- Children should be supervised according to the Safe Child Policy.

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