

FRAMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY CODE OF BEHAVIOR

Please help the library serve the community effectively by observing the following:

- Drinks in covered containers are allowed throughout the library. Please enjoy food only in the lobby café area and program rooms.
- Headphones or earbuds for audio are permitted, as long as others cannot hear it.
- Silence your cell phone when entering the library and enjoy phone conversations in the lobby only.
- Do not leave any packages or other belongings unattended.
- Lock your bicycle outside in the racks provided.

The following activities are **not allowed** in the library. Patrons who do not comply may be asked to leave or library privileges may be suspended.

- Smoking or using alcohol or illegal drugs in library building or on library grounds. (Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Ch. 270, Sec. 21-22.)
- Creating a disturbance by making noise, talking loudly, running or engaging in other disruptive conduct. (MGL, Ch. 272, Sec. 41.)
- Interfering with another patron's right to use the library or with the library staff's performance of their duties.
- Threatening behavior including but not limited to verbal abuse, violence, threats of violence and possession of weapons.
- Bringing animals into the library except service animals accompanying a patron with a disability.
- Misusing the restrooms (e.g., using as a laundry or bathing facility.)
- Leaving a child 8 years old or younger unattended in the library.
- Soliciting or canvassing is generally prohibited, except in the outer lobby of the Main Library.
- Entering areas posted "Staff only" without permission.
- Viewing pornographic images.
- Downloading illegal content.
- Sleeping.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- A patron may be asked to show his or her library card and/or other identification.
- Parents are responsible for the behavior and supervision of their young children.
- Parents can be held liable for damage done by a child under age 18. (MGL, Ch. 231, Sec. 85.)
- Those who damage or deface library materials or property will be prosecuted. (MGL, Ch. 266, Sec. 100.)
- Theft of library materials, use of false identification to obtain a library card, or use of another person's library card without permission are against state law and will be prosecuted. (MGL, Ch. 266, Sec. 99.)
- The library reserves the right to inspect all bags, purses, briefcases etc. for concealed library material.
- Patrons may be required to leave the library if their personal hygiene interferes with the orderly operation of the library or with the ability of other patrons to use and/or enjoy the facility.