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.

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