

Amesbury Public Library Rules

Amesbury Public Library is intended to provide access to library materials, information, and equipment, and to serve as a location for general studies and cultural activities. For the library to be enjoyed by all patrons, the following rules and regulations should be observed. Patrons who exhibit behavior inconsistent with the following rules may be asked to leave the library.

1. Many patrons use the library as a place for quiet study. Patrons should respect the rights of others and not engage in loud conversations or noisy activities. Please set cellular telephone ringers to silent while in the building, and conduct any necessary phone conversations in a quiet voice.
2. No smoking is permitted in the library or on library grounds.
3. Shirts and shoes must be worn in the library at all times.
4. Damaging library property is forbidden, and a violation of state and federal law. All materials must be checked out before leaving the building.
5. Verbally or physically harassing any staff member or patron is forbidden. If you have a concern about a policy or procedure, or about another patron's behavior, please speak with a staff member. Violating other library patrons' privacy by campaigning, soliciting, or petitioning is also forbidden.
6. With the exception of service animals, animals are not allowed in the library building without the approval of the Library Director.
7. Parents/guardians are responsible for the behavior and supervision of their children. Children under the age of six should not be left unattended in any part of the building. Library staff cannot be responsible for the safety of any child.
8. Patrons are responsible for their personal property. Please do not leave items unattended. The library cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items.
9. Roller blades, skateboards, scooters, or similar equipment may not be used in the building or the parking lot. Bicycles should be left in the racks outside the building, and the library cannot be held responsible for theft of bicycles, whether left locked or unlocked.
10. Please read and follow the rules for the use of the library's computers and printers posted in the public computer area.
11. The Library Director (or designee) reserves the right to determine whether other types of behavior, not specified above, are disruptive to the Library's mission or to other patrons and to ask patrons to refrain from said behavior.
12. Patrons who are not in compliance with the preceding Library Rules and engage in activities not permitted in the library and on library grounds will be asked to correct their behavior. Repeated failure to follow the rules may result in actions outlined in the Library's *Appropriate Library Behavior Policy*.

Please cooperate with the library staff who must interpret and apply these rules and regulations. Your cooperation will help promote excellence in library service for everyone.