Code of Conduct

The East Haddam Library System and its staff are committed to providing the citizens of East Haddam with quality educational and recreational resources which cultivate literacy, knowledge, personal growth, community spirit, and a higher quality of life.

The Library asks for your cooperation in maintaining a welcoming environment conducive to this mission. Staff make every effort to apply these rules in a fair, dignified, and positive manner for the benefit of all.

- 1. The Library has a zero-tolerance policy for drugs, alcohol, smoking/vaping, harassment, violence, weapons, or discriminating/harassing language of any kind inside the Library and on Library grounds.
- 2. Damage, misuse, or theft of Library materials, equipment, and property is not allowed. Interfering with the designated use of computers and networks is also not allowed.
- 3. Animals are not allowed in the Library building, except for service animals or when they are part of a Library program.
- 4. Posting notices, distributing written materials, requesting donations, proselytizing, soliciting or engaging in any commercial activity on library property must not be conducted without prior written approval of the Library Director.
- 5. Taking photographs, video recordings, or audio recordings in the Library requires prior approval from supervisory Library Staff.
- 6. Use of sports equipment, including rollerblades, roller skates, skateboards, and scooters are not permitted on Library grounds or inside the Library building.
- 7. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult at all times in accordance with Connecticut General Statute 53-21a. Please see our **Unattended Child Policy** for more details.
- 8. All beverages must have a lid or top in order to be brought into the Library. Cooking is allowed only in library programs approved in advance by the Library Director.

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