



**southburlington**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

## **PATRON CODE OF CONDUCT**

**Show respect for everyone around you:** Harassing or disruptive behavior, which is unwelcome by other patrons or staff, infringes upon the rights of others using the library, or disturbs the proper activities of its staff and patrons, is not permitted.

**Enjoy the library and leave it as you found it:** All drinks should have lids and meals should be eaten elsewhere unless authorized by prior arrangement. Snacks are permitted in the library in designated areas as long as surfaces are cleared and trash disposed of.

**Use the internet responsibly:** Changing settings, damaging computers or systems, installation of software is not allowed. Be respectful; your screen is visible to others.

**Be safe:** Keep your shoes on. Avoid running. Keep common walkways clear. Animals are not permitted in the library, with the exception of service animals or those authorized by prior arrangement.

**Stay with your children:** The Library assumes no responsibility for the care and supervision of children and youth. Children (those under age 12) must be accompanied by a caregiver who is at least sixteen years old. Parents or caregivers must supervise the behavior of their children and monitor their library use.

**Respect everyone's privacy:** Photographing, filming, or recording children under 18 in the library is not permitted without written permission from a parent or guardian. Ask for verbal permission before photographing, filming, or recording adult patrons and staff.

**Abide by federal, state, and local laws.**

*This Code of Conduct encourages behavior that supports the library's mission to strengthen our community with resources, information and opportunities to learn, share and grow. Behavior becomes unacceptable when it impinges on the rights of others, causes damage to buildings or equipment, or is hazardous to self or others. For code of conduct violations, library staff have the authority to suspend library privileges, ask patrons to leave, and may summon police if necessary. Offenders may be banned from the library.*

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