



Library Rules of Respect

1. The Watkins Glen Public Library strives to provide a safe, welcoming, and friendly environment for all patrons, staff, and volunteers.
2. The Library fosters an atmosphere of mutual respect for both people and property.
3. This is a smoke-free, drug-free, and alcohol-free institution. This includes all library property both in and outside the building.
4. Be respectful of personal space and privacy.
5. Service animals are permitted. Ask a staff member if you are unsure or require additional accommodation.
6. Appropriate use of cell phones and similar electronic devices should be governed by personal judgment and courtesy to others using the facilities. Please step outside or ask to borrow the Library's conference room if you require additional privacy.
7. The use of skates, roller blades, and skateboards is not allowed in the building.
8. All children under the age of seven (7) must be accompanied by an adult.
9. Children between the ages of seven (7) and ten (10) may be left unattended with the permission of a parent or legal guardian and are expected to adhere to the Rules of Respect. Library staff and volunteers are not responsible for unattended children. If an unattended child is in repeated violation of the rules, a parent or guardian will be notified, when contact information is available.
10. If an unattended child has no means of communication with a parent or guardian, local law enforcement may be called to ensure the parent or guardian is located and the child is returned home safely.
11. Patrons are expected to abide by the Computer Use and Internet Safety Policy when using library computers and borrowing Mobile Hotspot devices.
12. Photography and videography are permitted in public areas of the facility where no patrons are present to protect patron privacy.
13. Behavior deemed inappropriate, threatening or harmful, display of weapons, or blatant interference with another individual's use of the library will not be tolerated and may result in immediate removal.
14. Library staff reserve the right to contact local authorities if they feel uncomfortable or threatened in any way.
15. In the event that a person is in violation of the Rules of Respect, they will receive warning. If misconduct continues, the person may be asked to remove themselves from library property.

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