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LEVITTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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CODE OF CONDUCT

The **Board of Trustees** of the Levittown Public Library attempts to provide a pleasant, orderly facility conducive to use of the Library and its grounds, materials, and services. Persons not engaged in reading, studying, or using Library materials and/or services may be required to leave the building.

The **Administration** has the responsibility for maintaining order in the Library, on its grounds, and during Library-sponsored events, to assure a pleasant experience for all users.

These rules have been adopted for the comfort and protection of all those using the Library, its grounds and Library materials and services. The staff may need to intervene in situations that (1) present danger to the safety of persons or property; (2) interfere with the rights of others; (3) constitute disturbing or inappropriate uses of the Library; or (4) involve the commissions of illegal acts. They will be firmly enforced by Library staff. We ask your cooperation in maintaining a pleasant atmosphere. If a patron is confronted with the violation of any of these rules, he/she should immediately inform a staff member. Expulsion from the Library and/or loss of Library privileges may result from violations of this Code of Conduct.

The following rules shall apply:

a. Disruptive behavior is not permitted in the Library, or on its grounds. This includes disorderly conduct that interferes with the use of the Library by patrons and interferes with the Library staff's performances of their duties, loitering, physical abuse or threatening language, and misuse of Library furnishings. Prohibited disruptive behavior also includes staring at another person with the intent to annoy that person, following another person about the building with the intent to annoy that person, playing audio equipment so that others can hear it, speaking loudly on a cell phone, offensive or abusive language or gestures, fighting, or by behaving in a manner which reasonably can be expected to disturb other persons.

b. Soliciting and panhandling are prohibited in the Library, or on its grounds.

c. Persons committing theft, vandalism, or other illegal acts in the Library, or on its grounds will be subject to prosecution.

d. Smoking, including electronic devices, and Vaping are prohibited anywhere in the Library building and on library grounds.

e. No drugs or drug paraphernalia is permitted in the Library, or on its grounds.

f. Eating and drinking are not permitted near Library computers.

g. Appropriate attire must be worn at all times in the building.

h. Patrons whose bodily hygiene is offensive as to constitute a nuisance to other patrons may be required to leave the building.

i. Possession of firearms, explosives, and other weapons are banned from the Library.

j. Inappropriate physical contact by Library users will result in legal action.

k. Sleeping within or upon Library premises is strictly prohibited.

l. Only service animals are permitted within the Library. Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under titles II and III of the ADA. Please be aware that staff is permitted to inquire of the public whether their dog is a service animal because of a disability and what work or task said dog has been trained to perform.

m. The Library reserves the right to examine all packages, briefcases, and any other container before patrons and/or staff enter or exit the Library building, in order to maintain a safe and pleasant environment for Library staff and patrons. Any personal items that appear to be infested or have a foul odor that disturbs other persons are prohibited. Personal belongings may not be left unattended as they can be stolen or tampered with. Please keep your belongings with you at all times. The Library is not responsible for personal items that are lost, stolen, or damaged on Library premises. Items left unattended may be removed from the building and library property.

n. Adult patrons who are not engaged in Library activities which require materials from the Children's area may be asked to relocate to other parts of the Library.

o. The Library reserves the right to request proper identification for the use of selected materials on the premises. Patrons using materials in some areas may be required to adhere to additional rules and regulations established specifically for these areas.

p. Prohibited Items:

The following items are not permitted in the Library:

Carts, large bags, large backpacks, boxes, or collections of bags that are in excess of 17 1/2" x 11 1/2" x 10", excluding strollers.

Strollers when not intended for use with babies, infants, and toddlers.

Bicycles or motorized vehicles. Individuals with mobility impairments are permitted to use wheelchairs, walkers, and other appropriate mobility aids on Library premises.

Non-motorized skates, rollerblades, skateboards, and collapsible scooters (except when carried).

q. Visitors with disabilities may ask Library staff for reasonable accommodations.

r. Refusing to comply with reasonable directives of the Library staff can result in expulsion from the Library premises.

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