

Behavior policy

The Hampton Falls Free Library welcomes patrons of all ages to use and enjoy the facilities, collections and programs offered by the library.

The Board of Trustees believes that library patrons have the right to use library materials and services without being disturbed or impeded by other library users; that library patrons and employees have the right to an environment that is safe, secure and comfortable with materials and facilities that are accessible and in good condition.

The Hampton Falls Free Library Board of Trustees is responsible for determining the rules of behavior necessary to protect the rights of individuals to use library materials and services, to protect the rights of library employees to conduct library business without interference and to preserve library materials and facilities.

General Behavior Guidelines for Library Users

1. Shirts and shoes must be worn in the library.
2. Food and beverages may only be brought into the library with the approval of the library staff.
3. Cell phone usage should be confined to the vestibule.
4. Bicycles should be parked in the bike rack.
5. Animals must be left outside of the building unless needed to assist a disabled person or are part of a library-sponsored program.
6. Personal property should not be left unattended. Persons in the Library are responsible for their personal items. The Library is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
7. Disruptive behavior, including but not limited to running, shouting, pushing or other rowdy, rambunctious activities will not be permitted. The librarians will ask disruptive patrons to leave the building.

Behavior Guidelines for Families or Young Library Users

8. A parent or other adult who is responsible for the child should accompany all children 9 years old and younger. Unattended children are a safety concern for all library users.
9. At the discretion of a responsible adult, a child age 10 or older may be left unattended to read for pleasure, select materials, complete a homework assignment, or attend a program. The child must know how to reach their adult in case this need arises.
10. A parent/guardian is responsible for insuring appropriate behavior of their children. Disruptive behavior, including but not limited to running, shouting, pushing or other rowdy, rambunctious activity will not be permitted. In case of unaccompanied children, a parent/guardian will be called to pick them up.
11. Young children accompanied by a parent or caregiver may sign up to use a computer for educational and recreational purposes. It is the responsibility of the parent or care-giver to ensure appropriate use of online terminals and other electronic resources by young children. Pounding on the keyboards and other potentially damaging activities are not permitted.

General Guidelines

12. Materials (books, videos, tapes, magazines) may not be removed from the library without proper authorization, i.e. checked out. Theft, damaging, or defacing Library material may lead to prosecution under NH RSA 202-A. The Library reserves the right to inspect personal belongings for concealed Library materials.