

Argyle Free Library: Behavior Policy

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Argyle Free Library “to meet the changing needs of all persons for education, personal enrichment and recreation.” Therefore, the library offers services to all community members regardless of age, sex, racial or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or religious or political affiliation. The library staff is committed to creating and maintaining a quiet and inviting environment for all library users.

REGULATIONS (See also Computer and Internet Use Policy)

Patrons are asked to adhere to the following rules of behavior in order to maintain an appropriate environment:

1. Engaging in disruptive or threatening behavior is not tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to using abusive or obscene language, verbally, physically or sexually harassing others, stealing or damaging library property, or creating a hazardous or physically offensive condition. Do not bring weapons into the library.
2. Please talk quietly, including when talking on cell phones. If a lengthy conversation will disturb other patrons, please take the conversation outside.
3. Use computers and other audio equipment in such a way that sound is not disturbing to others. Individuals are required to use headphones if their computer or internet usage generates sounds which may disturb other library patrons.
4. The Library reserves the right to require individuals to discontinue the display of information and/or images which could cause a disturbance in this, a public building.
5. Please carry beverages in closed containers. Food and beverages are not allowed at computer work stations.
6. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian in the library. Parents/guardians are responsible for their children’s behavior.
7. Smoking or the use of tobacco products is not allowed. Do not bring alcohol or illicit drugs onto library property.
8. No sales or solicitations. However, Library programs or programs of Friends of the Library may allow the sale of books and other items by authors and artists.
9. Any person entering the Argyle Free Library must comply with New York State Executive Order 202.17. The order states that any individual over age two and medically able to tolerate a face-covering, is required to cover their nose and mouth with a mask or cloth face-covering when in a public place. This applies until the executive order is rescinded.

The rules stated above are not inclusive or exclusive. It is the responsibility of the library staff to ensure that safe and appropriate conditions are maintained in the library at all times. Therefore, patrons are asked to comply with the reasonable requests of the library staff. Anyone failing to do so will be asked to leave the library. Questions or complaints concerning enforcement of these regulations should be addressed to the Library Director or the Board of Trustees, who will respond in a timely manner.