

**Baldwinsville Public Library, Policies, SECTION XIV.  
PATRON CODE OF CONDUCT**

A Patron Code of Conduct governing use of the library and its facilities has been established by the Board of Trustees to ensure that all patrons of the Baldwinsville Public Library have

- a safe, pleasant environment in which to work, read, browse, and attend library events
- fair and equal access to all library materials
- undisturbed time in which to carry on library business.

Patrons of the Baldwinsville Public Library must

- Respect the rights of other patrons and staff.
- Adhere to all library policies and procedures, including, but not limited to, those governing the computer lab, meeting rooms, and reference area.
- Be responsible for the behavior of children they bring to the library. Children under the age of eight must be in sight of and supervised by an adult caregiver. The library assumes no responsibility if any child under the age of eight is left unattended on the premises. The library staff will attempt to contact parents or caregivers of unattended children and will notify the police if they are unsuccessful.
- Accept that priority in use of the study rooms is given to those patrons studying, holding small meetings, and tutoring. Personal belongings may not be left in study rooms.
- Attend to their own belongings. The library is not responsible for belongings left unattended anywhere in the library.
- Wear proper attire, including shirts and shoes.

Behaviors not permitted on library property include the following:

- Harassing patrons or staff or engaging in other disruptive behaviors
- Using loud, obscene, threatening or abusive language and gestures
- Disturbing others by playing loud audio equipment or by singing or speaking loudly
- Engaging in loud, disruptive cell phone conversations
- Smoking or the consumption of alcohol
- Rollerblading, skateboarding, and loitering
- Solicitation of funds, campaigning, distribution of unauthorized materials, and the sale of goods by patrons
- Consuming and/or serving food except in areas and at times specifically designated by the library (Drinks in covered spill-proof containers are allowed except in the computer lab.)
- Bringing animals into the library, except for those required for disabled persons or for scheduled programs
- Bringing weapons onto library property except by law enforcement personnel in the performance of their duty
  
- Engaging in illegal activities, including but not limited to the use or sale of illegal drugs, the theft of library property, sexual harassment and/or misconduct, the defacing of library materials and/or property, making copies of computer software protected by copyright, and displaying sexually suggestive objects or pictures that may be a violation of state and federal law governing obscenity and displays of sexual material.

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