

The Village Library of Cooperstown welcomes everyone to use Library facilities and resources for learning, reading, studying, writing, and obtaining information. The following Standards of Behavior have been instituted in order for library patrons and staff to operate in a clean, pleasant, and safe environment.

**The following behaviors are prohibited in the library:**

- Disturbing the peace including loud conversations, cell phone calls, or any behaviors that willfully disrupts the orderly operation of the library.
- Eating or drinking around the computers.
- Entering the library without shoes or appropriate attire.
- Destroying, defacing, or illegally removing Library materials or property.
- Harassment of library staff or other patrons.
- Engagement in any illegal activity on Library premises.
- Unauthorized selling, panhandling, or soliciting.
- Taking photographs or videos of library users or staff without their permission.
- Bring in animals other than service animals, aside from library approved programs.

In addition, patrons should be watchful of personal possessions. The Library is not responsible for lost, damaged, stolen personal possessions. Unattended belongings may be picked up and stored by library staff.

**Unattended Children**

Staff members are available and trained to assist children with Library materials or services. The Library is not equipped and it is not the Library's role to provide long- or short-term child care. Parents and caregivers are responsible for monitoring and regulating the behavior of their children. Children under the age of 11 may not be left unattended in the library. For the safety and comfort of children, a responsible adult or caregiver over the age of 14 must remain with their child while they use the library. Children seven and older may attend Library programs without a parent or caregiver; however, the parent or caregiver must remain inside the library during the program. Unattended children will be asked to call their parents for pick-up. If staff is unable to reach the parents the Cooperstown Police Department will be contacted.