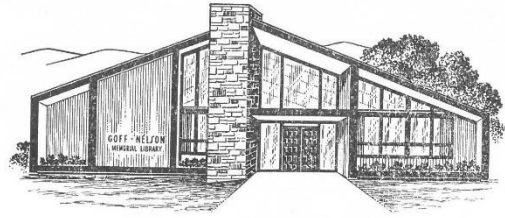


**TUPPER LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY
AKA GOFF-NELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

EXTERNAL POLICY



Policy name:

Public Behavior in the Library

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Purpose statement:

The purpose of the Behavior Code is to maintain an atmosphere that promotes the use and enjoyment of the resources and services of the Library; promotes the safety of the general public and the Library staff; and protects the building, furniture, equipment, and materials of the Library.

Rules for Library Behavior

- Show respect for everyone in the Library. Use appropriate language and behavior. Behavior that is disruptive or disturbs others is prohibited. Harassment of any kind will not be tolerated.
- Treat Library property with care. Theft of Library property or any purposeful damage done to the material, equipment, furniture, building, or property of the Library is against the law.
- Personal items should not be left unattended and walkways must be kept clear at all times. Library Staff cannot hold personal items for patrons and will not be responsible for any personal items left unattended.
- Weapons of any type are not appropriate in the Library.
- Appropriate attire, including shirts and shoes, is required.
- Cell phones and other electronic devices must be set to silent or vibrating mode. Phone conversations must be held in designated areas and maintained at reasonable volume. These areas will be determined by the Library director.
- Food and drink are not allowed in the library. Unless approved by the director.
- Smoking, alcohol and illegal drugs are not permitted in the Library.
- Animals are not permitted, with the exception of service animals.
- Soliciting is not allowed.

Library staff has the responsibility and the authority to take steps to ensure that the rules are enforced. The judgment of the Library staff shall determine what is considered inappropriate or unsafe behavior. Please bring any concerns about possible violations of this policy to the attention of the Library staff.

Child Safety Policy

The Library strives to provide a welcoming atmosphere and a wide range of library services and resources to both children and adults. The library staff does not accept responsibility for the supervision or safety of children of any age in the building or on library property. Parents/caregivers are responsible for the safety, supervision, and conduct of their children while in the building or on library property (regardless of whether they accompany the child to the library). We ask that parents/caregivers observe the following rules to ensure that all library patrons regardless of age have a safe and pleasant library experience:

- Children of all ages are subject to the rules as stated in the Library Behavior Code.