

PATRON CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY

Because the Rutland Free Library is a shared environment, we encourage consideration, respect, and kindness towards all patrons and staff. For the comfort and respect of all, when on Library grounds, **it is prohibited to:**

Carry a weapon

Solicit

Electioneer

Use nicotine or cannabis products, illegal drugs, or alcohol

Interfere with other patrons' use and enjoyment of the library

Act aggressively or with hostility toward staff

Leave children under eight years old unattended

Run while inside the library building

Sleep while inside the library building

Failure to adhere to this policy can result in removal from the library property.

UNATTENDED CHILDREN

Parents or legal guardians are always responsible for the well-being and safety of their children. The library staff does not assume responsibility for children of any age left unattended.

Children under the age of eight shall not be left unattended. Attended means within eyesight. They must be attended by a responsible person at all times, preferably a parent, guardian or caregiver. If the caregiver is a minor, they must be at least 12 years old.

Children age eight and over may use the library unattended and will be expected to follow the library rules.

If any child is left unattended at the library and an attempt to contact a parent, guardian or caregiver is unsuccessful the Rutland City Police may be notified. The police may choose to remove the child to the police station for the child's safety.

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Parents or legal guardians assume all liability for any damage done by their children to the library.

The library is not responsible for enforcing the restrictions a parent deems appropriate in terms of the materials the child may access.

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