



Patron Conduct Policy

The Southwest Harbor Public Library is a community resource for all to enjoy. The library aims to provide its patrons with a comfortable and safe atmosphere conducive to various activities pursued by a broad spectrum of the community. Everyone is welcome at the library.

Disruptive Behavior: Any conduct that is dangerous or inhibits the use or enjoyment of the library by others will be addressed by library staff. Disruptive patrons will be asked to leave the premises, whether temporarily or for a longer-term. Volatile, harassing, and/or abusive behavior and inappropriate displays of affection or sexual activity will not be tolerated. Appropriate clothing is required.

Telecommunications and Audio: Headphones are required for patrons listening to audio on electronic devices. Cell phone use, videoconferencing, and similar forms of communication can be disruptive to others; therefore, the library has a silent cell phone policy. If you require a private place to use a cell phone or to videoconference, please ask for availability at the circulation desk. Filming or photographing someone without their permission is not permitted.

Electricity access: Patrons may use tabletop outlets provided or those found underneath tables and chairs to power their personal devices. Cords should not cross aisles and walkways where they would present a tripping hazard.

Access & Soliciting: Blocking access to materials, entrances, exits, elevator, and stairways is prohibited. The library does not allow soliciting, campaigning, or petitioning for any purposes.

Animals: The library welcomes certified service animals trained to assist patrons medically. Well-behaved dogs on a short leash may be allowed for brief visits when conditions allow.

Food: Drinks and snacks are welcome in most areas of the library. Patrons are asked to clean up after themselves.

Smoking / vaping: There is no smoking or vaping of any substances on Southwest Harbor Public Library property.

Alcohol: Alcohol consumption is prohibited on library grounds except when served by the library at library-sponsored events after hours.

Weapons/firearms possession: No person, except a law enforcement officer, shall carry firearms, weapons, or implements intended to destroy or injure a person or property on library grounds. Pocket knives, scissors, knitting needles, and other similar items are not considered weapons.