

ST. CATHARINES PUBLIC LIBRARY **RULES OF CONDUCT**

The St. Catharines Public Library provides equitable access to a wide range of library services in welcoming surroundings. The Rules of Conduct have been established to prevent disruptions to library services, ensure the safety of the public and staff, and maintain the security of library property.

1. Behaviour that is disruptive, abusive, intrusive, harassing, or threatening to Library users and staff will not be tolerated. Anyone who is perceived as a threat to the safety or enjoyment of the Library facilities will be asked to leave.
2. Damage, misuse or theft of library materials, property, furniture and equipment is prohibited, and may be subject to prosecution.
3. Patrons may be required to make available for inspection all bags, briefcases, purses, containers, books, and papers.
4. Parents or guardians are responsible for the supervision of their children. Children requiring supervision are not to be left unattended in or about the Library premises.
5. Posting notices, distributing circulars, canvassing, selling, soliciting or engaging in other commercial activity is prohibited unless authorized by the Library Board.
6. Members of the public must wear shirts, shoes, and other appropriate attire.
7. Eating and drinking are prohibited except in designated areas.
8. There is no smoking anywhere in the Library.
9. Roller blades, skateboards and bicycles are prohibited in the Library.
10. Animals are not permitted in Library buildings, except in authorized programs or when needed to assist a person with a disability.
11. Photographing, filming or video recording on Library premises is not allowed without prior approval of the C.E.O.

Any disregard of the Rules of Conduct may result in exclusion from the Library, suspension of library privileges, cost recovery of charges, and/or prosecution. Appeals of decisions under the above rules must be made in writing to the Library Board.

Approved by the St. Catharines Public Library Board, June 16, 2005.