

CHATHAM-KENT PUBLIC LIBRARY POLICY

Title: CODE OF CONDUCT

General Facilities Use

In order to make our libraries welcoming, comfortable and accessible for all, the following guidelines apply:

1. All Chatham-Kent Public Library buildings are smoke free. The illegal use of alcohol and narcotics is also not permitted on Library property. Alcohol may be served in exceptional cases, with prior approval and all necessary permits.
2. No Library property may be misused, mutilated, damaged or defaced.
3. Use of the Library's search, copy, print, and other information machines, as well as its public telephones is subject to reasonable limitation, at the discretion of Library staff if others are waiting.
4. Boisterous behaviour, such as shouting or loud talking and the use of radios, cassette players, or other electronic devices without earphones, is not permitted.
5. Since the Libraries are not intended to serve as public shelters or lounges, sleeping, lingering aimlessly, and misuse of the rest rooms cannot be allowed.
6. Interference with or harassment or intimidation of other users, the Library staff, or Library volunteers represents unacceptable behaviour. This includes all unwanted or abusive attention by word, act, look, or gesture.
7. Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times.
8. Pets are not permitted with the exception of guide dogs or service dogs.
9. Parking spaces designated for use by physically disabled users of the Libraries must be respected.
10. The use of skateboards, scooters, or rollerblades is not permitted on Library property.

Failure to respect these guidelines or any reasonable request from staff may result in a request to leave the Library premises. Continued noncompliance may result in actions ranging from suspension of Library privileges to prohibiting access to Library premises, and/or contacting appropriate authorities.