

Athol Public Library  
Policy Governing Use of the Library

The rights and privileges of all library users and staff will be respected by library patrons at all times.

1. Blocking public entrances, railings, or elevators or interfering with people entering or leaving the building is not allowed.
2. Patrons may talk quietly throughout the library.
3. Furniture should be used for the purpose and by the number of people for which it was designed.
4. The abuse of library computers by library patrons violates the law (MGL, Ch. 266, Sec. 100) and will be grounds for prosecution.
5. Shoes and shirts must be worn inside the library.
6. Smoking of any kind, including e-cigarettes, is not allowed anywhere in the building or on library grounds.
7. Only guide dogs and animals trained to assist disabled persons are permitted in the library.
8. Patrons are responsible for their own belongings.
9. Library staff cannot assume responsibility for the care of unsupervised children in the library. (See the Policy on Unattended Children for further information.)
10. Campaigning, soliciting, or petitioning is forbidden anywhere on library property.
11. Entering a non-public area of the library without the permission of a staff member is prohibited.
12. Patrons are expected to comply with the requests of any member of the library staff.

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