

## **Beverly Public Library Standards of Conduct Policy**

We welcome everyone to use the Beverly Public Library. This policy is designed to promote appropriate use of the Library, which requires respect for others who are also enjoying the facilities and services. Adherence to this policy will allow the Library to carry out its mission to serve all members of the community by providing materials, services, and programs that enrich people's lives, foster a love of reading, and provide access to information.

Certain activities are inconsistent with the Library's mission and will not be tolerated in the Library or on Library property. Among these are the following:

- Disruptive behavior, including but not limited to, running, playing audio equipment so others can hear, cell phone use outside of designated areas, threatening or harassing behavior, public intoxication, talking loudly, or engaging in any other behavior which would hinder the Library from carrying out its mission.
- Being barefoot or shirtless.
- Bringing animals inside buildings, except service animals.
- Consuming food, except in designated areas.
- Impeding access to library resources, premises, or an area of the premises.
- Littering.
- Misusing restrooms (e.g. using them as a laundry or washing facility).
- Smoking, including electronic smoking devices.
- Soliciting of any kind, including seeking or collecting signatures for a petition.
- Possessing or using alcohol, illegal drugs, or recreational drugs.
- Possessing weapons, including but not limited to, knives, clubs, guns, and blades.
- Sleeping.
- Stealing or vandalizing property of the Library, Library staff, and/or Library patrons.
- Using bicycles, scooters, skateboards, roller blades, or roller skates, except in designated outside areas.

Note: Posted quiet areas must be observed.

**Failure to comply may result in removal from the property  
and/or restriction or loss of library privileges.**

This policy shall be reviewed by the Board of Library Trustees no later than June 2025.

Approved by the Board of Trustees: June 25, 2024