

**Adults**

It is a patron’s responsibility to maintain necessary and proper standards of behavior in order to protect his/her individual rights and the rights and privileges of other patrons. It is expected that patrons will be quiet in the library. If a patron creates a public nuisance, that patron may be restricted from the library and from the use of library facilities. For those who are unwilling to leave or do not leave within a reasonable amount of time, after being instructed to do so by staff, the authorities will be contacted.

**Young Children**

The Hazeltine Public Library encourages visits by young children, and it is our desire to make this important visit both memorable and enjoyable to the child. Library staff is not expected to assume responsibility for the care of unsupervised children in the library.

**Disruptive Children**

The library staff realizes that the library will be noisier at busy times and that children by nature can cause more commotion. However, children who are being continually disruptive will be given a warning that he/she must settle down. If, after a second warning, the child continues to be disruptive, he/she will be asked to leave the library. Staff and/or volunteers retain the right to ask children and/or parents to leave the library. If the child needs to contact a parent, they may do so and then wait with a staff person until the parent arrives.

**No eating/drinking**

- There is no eating or drinking permitted in the library except by staff for sanctioned events.
- No smoking, vaping, or use of other tobacco products is permitted in the library or on the grounds of the Hazeltine Public Library, per NYS Health Law # 1339.

**Recording/ Photo Policy**

It is permissible to take photographs of displays created by library staff, photos of our bookshelves, available games for children, etc. Patrons MUST, however, receive written permission to record or photograph any employee or other patrons. (See staff for form.) For displays provided to the library by artists, photographers, etc., please see our staff to determine if written permission is required, and if so, obtained.

Patrons must also comply to the following related policies:

- Computer, Internet and Social Media Policy
- Usage of Library Equipment, Bulletin Boards, Displays

History of Reviews/Revisions

Date	Reviewed/Revised
07-10-2013	Policy adopted
03-19-2024	Major Revision