

Amesbury Public Library

Appropriate Library Behavior Policy

Patrons who fail to follow the Amesbury Public Library Rules and engage in activities not permitted in the library and on library grounds will be spoken to and asked to correct their behavior. Repeated failure to follow the rules may result in the following actions:

1. An individual's library privileges may be restricted in a manner that is consistent with the objectionable behavior. The restrictions may include limitations to: a) specific areas in the library, b) specific computers and other library equipment, c) borrowing fewer items than the rules allow, d) times allowed in the building.
2. A patron may be banned from using the library and library equipment and resources until the individual has met with the Library Director. Future use will be contingent upon the individual abiding by the conditions agreed to with the Director.
3. The Amesbury Police may be contacted and a formal No Trespassing Notice taken out against an individual who has demonstrated repeated violation of the rules, or is perceived to be threatening to staff and/or patrons. If the individual is observed inside the library or on library grounds, after being issued a No Trespassing Notice, the individual may be subject to arrest.

At the discretion of the Director and in consultation with the staff and Library Board of Trustees, repeat offenders may be banned from the library for varying lengths of time, from one week to several months to permanently, depending upon the severity of the misconduct. Any individual subject to disciplinary action may appeal the decision of the Director to the Library Trustees. The Library Trustees require that all appeals be in writing. The individual may request a meeting in person with the Library Trustees.