

## Policy Form for Niagara University Policy Database

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Policy Name: Niagara University Library Patron Code of Conduct

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Policy Goal: Describes the code of conduct for all library users.

Location of written hardcopy of policy: <http://library.niagara.edu/about/policies/>

People affected by policy: Students, faculty, staff, community members

Comments or Concerns about the provided Policy: None:

### **Patron Code of Conduct Policy**

The following conduct is prohibited:

- Failing to cooperate with the reasonable request of library staff related to this policy or use of the library
- Committing or attempting to commit acts that violate local, state or federal law
- Committing or attempting to commit acts that violate policies of Niagara University
- Carrying weapons in the library
- Damaging or defacing library materials, furniture, or equipment
- Use of computers that violates Niagara University's policy on "Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources (P-26)"
- Attempting to remove library materials or equipment without proper checkout
- Concealing library materials within the building
- Being under the influence of alcohol and/or illegal drugs
- Committing offensive touching or engaging in sexual conduct, sexual harassment, or obscene acts

- Engaging in conduct that disrupts library operations or disturbs library users
- Being excessively loud (for example, using cell phones or playing music at a disturbing volume, among other things)
- Soliciting or petitioning
- Posting or distributing materials without permission
- Being in the library barefooted, without a shirt, or with offensive body odor or personal hygiene
- Bringing pets or animals into the Library, except those used as service animals or as allowed at an event approved by the Library administration
- Failing to adhere to copyright laws and/or University copyright policies
- Being in unauthorized areas of the library
- Harassing, abusing, or threatening staff or patrons, or exhibiting other disruptive behavior
- Using restroom facilities for purposes other than which they are intended
- Sleeping, other than brief naps seated in a chair, not lying down
- Using library furniture or equipment for purposes other than which they are intended
- Leaving children less than 12 years of age unsupervised
- Smoking in the library or other building on campus, except in designated smoking areas

Library users found to be in violation of this code of conduct will be asked to stop non-compliant behavior. Continued failure to comply with the Library's rules, regulations, and policies may result in removal from the premises or other sanctions.