



**CITY OF BROCKTON
BROCKTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**



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RULES OF BEHAVIOR FOR USE OF LIBRARY FACILITIES

The Brockton Public Library System welcomes everyone to the collections, services and facilities of its main and branch libraries. The Library System offers opportunities for reading, study, information access, and cultural activities. Patrons are expected to respect the rights of other users and to cooperate with the library staff in maintaining a safe, quiet and comfortable environment.

1. The library is an area for quiet study. Any person who in the opinion of library staff is engaging in conduct inconsistent with the orderly operation of the library will be asked to leave.
2. No smoking, eating or drinking allowed.
3. It is against state law to: damage or deface library property or materials; remove materials from the library without having checked them out, use false identification to obtain a library card; and use another person's library card without his/her permission. Persons engaging in such activities are subject to prosecution.
4. Respect others' right to privacy. Harassment or intimidation by threatening language or behavior toward other patrons or the library staff will not be tolerated.
5. Parents are responsible for the supervision and behavior of their young children. Children under the age of 12 may not be left alone in the library building.
6. Loitering on library premises, grounds or parking areas is not permitted.
7. Sleeping is not permitted on library premises.
8. Skateboarding, in-line skating and bicycling are not permitted on library property.
9. Shirts and shoes must be worn in the library.
10. A patron may be required to leave personal belongings being used inappropriately with the staff until he/she leaves the library.
11. No solicitation of any kind may take place on library property.
12. Patrons may be required to leave the library if their personal hygiene prevents the orderly operation of the library or the ability of other patrons to use and/or enjoy the facility.
13. A patron not complying with any of the above rules may be asked to show his or her library card and/or other identification.
14. Failure to comply with these rules may result in the violator's being asked to leave the library premises.

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