

**Randall Library – Stow, MA**  
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The Randall Library Board of Trustees has adopted the following Code of Conduct in an effort to provide a safe, comfortable and enjoyable facility. Library staff is authorized to enforce this code and to contact a parent or guardian when necessary and to call for police assistance if required. The library reserves the right to revoke or restrict library privileges in cases of violation of the code of conduct.

- Any conduct that disrupts the delivery of library services or hinders other from using the library materials is prohibited (Massachusetts General Law, Ch. 272, Sec. 41). This includes loitering, sleeping and making unacceptable noise.
- Any conduct that is potentially abusive or harmful to other patrons, library personnel, materials or facilities is prohibited.
- Parents and caregivers are responsible for the conduct of their children. The police will be notified if there are unattended children left in the library after closing, or if the unattended children are in violation of this code of conduct.
- The use of false identification to obtain a library card or to check out library materials, or use of another person's library card without his or her permission is a violation of state law.
- Parents can be held liable for damage done by a child under the age of 18.
- Smoking is not permitted in the library.
- Food and drink are allowed according to the following standards: beverages are in containers that are spill-proof, such as travel mugs with lids and bottles with screw-on or pop-up tops. Acceptable foods are of the snack variety, pre-packaged foods, vending-machine type candy and chips. No beverages are permitted near public computers, printers, or copiers.
- Bringing weapons or threatening objects into the library is prohibited.
- The consumption of alcohol is prohibited on the library property during regular library hours (Reference the "Alcoholic Beverages Policy").
- Loud cell phone conversations in the library are prohibited.
- Bringing animals other than service/therapy animals into the library is prohibited.
- Deliberate destroying or removal of items and property from the Library will result in loss of library privileges.

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