For your comfort and safety and for the protection of library books and property, the following activities are not allowed in the Jersey City Free Public Library:

- Eating or drinking except at special occasions and locations.
- Smoking.
- Making excessive noise, talking loudly, using phones or audio equipment in a way that may disturb others.
- Sleeping.
- Improper attire, including bare feet or chests.
- Intoxication or being under the influence of drugs.
- Bringing animals into the Library, except when needed to assist a person with a disability.
- Fighting, harassing, or threatening patrons or staff.
- Striking, kicking, shoving, or other offensive touching, or threats to do so.
- Stealing library materials.
- Damaging library property, including damaging restrooms, defacing furniture and walls, removing pages from books and magazines, destroying landscaping or outdoor fixtures.
- Leaving unattended children in the library.
- Using public restrooms as a laundry or personal bathing facility.
- Carrying weapons, unless authorized.
- Conducting surveys without permission of the Library administration.
- Unauthorized solicitation of sales, contributions, or signatures.
- Photographing or videotaping without prior permission of the Library administration.
- Moving furniture, standing or lying on tables and chairs, or putting feet on tables.
- Offensive bodily hygiene that constitutes a nuisance to other library patrons or staff and thereby interferes with the rights of others to use the Library.

Activities in the Library are also governed by local, state, and federal statutes regulating conduct in public places. These regulations prohibit intoxication, assault, criminal mischief, disorderly conduct, harassment, drug paraphernalia, and public indecency. Anyone who violates the Library's rules or local state, or federal regulations may be required to leave the premises. Police assistance may be utilized if deemed advisable by the Library staff. Violations of the Library's rules may result in the suspension of Library privileges.

(Adopted by the Board of Trustees, January 9, 2001)
Addendum to Rules of Conduct

Adopted by the Board of Trustees, February 11, 2003

Usage of the Library is a privilege and patrons should be aware that not following rules violates other patrons' right to use the Library in a peaceful and quiet manner. Patrons will be asked to leave the library if behavior violates the policy.

1. Patrons are not allowed in restricted staff areas, such as bathrooms, kitchens, desk area, or offices. (N.J.S.A. 2C: 18-3)
2. Patrons are not allowed to use staff telephones, photocopiers, fax machines, or administrative computers unless staff has granted permission. (N.J.S.A. 2C: 20-8)
3. Persons who use abusive language or harass staff or other patrons will be denied access to the library. (N.J.S.A. 2C: 33-4)
4. Persons who leave harassing or threatening messages on library telephones or send harassing or threatening letters to staff will be denied access to the library. (This statement does not preclude complaints about service.) (N.J.S.A. 2C: 33-4)
5. A person who continually disrupts or creates problems in the library will be asked to leave. (N.J.S.A. 2C: 33-4)
6. A person who is drinking alcoholic beverages or smoking will be denied access to the library. (N.J.S.A. 2C: 33-15)
7. Patrons are not to stand around a staff desk when they are not engaged in discussion with the employee, nor are they to hover over anyone's workstation, desk area, or computer station.
8. Patrons are to read and return newspapers or magazines to stands or circulation desk. Patrons cannot keep newspapers/magazines for the whole day.

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