

Guidelines for Conduct: Library Patrons

The Libraries at NSCC are areas in which students have a right to expect a quiet environment conducive to study and research. We ask our library patrons to follow these common sense guidelines:

Cell Phones and Audio Equipment: Please mute cell phones and beepers before entering the library. Out of consideration for students who wish to study in a quiet atmosphere, please have your conversation outside the library. Your CD player must be "for your ears" only. If others can hear the music while you have earphones on, you will be asked to lower the volume.

Food and Drinks: Because of the potential damage that can happen to books, furniture and the computers, we ask you not to bring food or drinks in the library. (See "Library Property" below.)

Disruptive Behavior: Disruptive or inappropriate behavior, such as loud talking, swearing (MGL, Ch. 272, Sec.41) (<http://www.state.ma.us/legis/laws/mgl/272-41.htm>) or cuddling and overt displays of affection, is inappropriate in a library setting. Extended conversations should take place outside the library. Staff reserves the right to ask disruptive patrons to leave.

Alcohol: Alcohol and/or illicit drugs may not be brought into the library. If you are intoxicated, Campus Police will be contacted and will ask you to leave the premises.

Animals: Pets are not allowed in the library. Guide dogs are the exception.

Personal Possessions: The Library Staff cannot be responsible for your personal property. Please do not ask us to watch your belongings.

Library Property: Library property should be treated with respect and care. Tearing pages out of books or magazines, highlighting or underlining text in books, carving graffiti on tables, spilling drinks that stain upholstered furniture are considered acts of vandalism. Persons who willfully commit these acts are liable for prosecution. (MGL, Ch. 266, Sec. 100) (<http://www.state.ma.us/legis/laws/mgl/266%2D100.htm>) Parents can be held liable for damage done by a child under the age of eighteen.

Patrons who set off the library's alarm system may be required to open bags or clothing for inspection.

Email: There are computer stations designated for email use. We ask you to be aware of others who might want to use the computers and to limit your time to thirty minutes. There are computers in the cafeteria and in the open labs at each campus which can be used for email. Email is not allowed on the computers specifically designated for research.