

## RULES OF CONDUCT

Under Article 5, Section 262 of New York State Education Law, the Board of Trustees of the Reading Room Association of Gouverneur has adopted the following rules to ensure an atmosphere conducive to the appropriate use of the services and facilities of library. Library users are required to comply with these rules and regulations.

The use of the library may be denied for due cause. Such cause may be:

1. Failure to maintain reasonable quiet, especially in the library loft which is a designated study and reading room.
2. Disturbance of other patrons due to the use of objectionable language, odor or behavior.
3. Illegal, disruptive, or objectionable conduct on library premises including tobacco, alcohol or drug use, sexually inappropriate behavior, or violent behavior.

Other unacceptable library behavior includes stalking, soliciting, loitering, littering and damaging property.

Eating and drinking must be done outside the library, unless prior permission has been obtained.

Only animals assisting the handicapped are permitted in the building.

Patrons shall not be permitted to enter the building without footwear or without a shirt or other covering of their upper bodies.

A library patron who vandalizes, steals, or destroys any library material, equipment, or building components will forfeit all library privileges and will be subject to financial liability for damages.

Distributing or posting materials or literature that has not been approved by the library is not permitted.

The elevator is available for use by handicapped persons or those with physical limitations. All others should use the stairs to get to the loft.

Under Article 65, Section 3205 of New York State Education Law, "In each school district of the state, each minor from six to sixteen years of age shall attend upon full time nstruction." Accordingly, access to the library during regular school hours (without special permit or previous arrangement with school officials is denied for minors between the ages of six and sixteen. No children under six years of age may be left unattended in the library at any time. Library staff will not be responsible for children who have been left without adult supervision. The library staff reserves the right to seek intervention of the appropriate law enforcement or social service agency as required by individual circumstances.

Persons whose actions violate these rules will be advised of their infractions. Failure to comply with the library's established rules and regulations or violations of law may result in immediate suspension of library privileges and, where necessary, civil liability or criminal prosecution.