

NEW BEDFORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Code of Library Conduct

Library Mission

The New Bedford Free Public Library, through free and equal access to materials, information, knowledge and technology, enriches the lives of the community by cultivating lifelong learners and readers.

Library Vision

To be New Bedford's primary place to go for materials, information and educational support for all ages, learn about each other in a safe and welcoming environment, preserve local history, art and special collections for increased access and build an engaged and connected community.

To accomplish our mission and vision, the Library is responsible for establishing rules of conduct to protect the rights and safety of library users, staff and volunteers and to preserve and protect the library's materials, facilities and property.

The New Bedford Free Public Library supports the rights of all individuals to:

- Use the library without discrimination
- Receive friendly, courteous and respectful service
- Have free and equal access to information
- Have a clean, comfortable and pleasant environment
- Use the library undisturbed without threat of harm, invasion of property, or interference

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