



Visitor Guidelines for Personal Belongings

The New Haven Free Public Library is committed to providing an environment that is safe and welcoming to all. To achieve this, the NHFPL adheres to the following guidelines for the personal belongings of visitors:

- Personal belongings must fit under the chair or near your seat without impeding access to pathways, doorways, and bookshelves or affecting the safe use of the library by staff or other visitors.
- Wheeled devices are permitted only when used for their intended purpose, such as strollers for children, and wheelchairs or rollator/walker devices for mobility. Other wheeled devices like bicycles, skateboards, skates, and scooters are prohibited in library facilities.
- Any item may be disallowed if it presents a potential health or safety risk for staff or other visitors.
- No items should be left unattended. Any unattended belongings with unidentified contents will be discarded immediately.
- The Library reserves the right to prohibit, remove or discard excessive, unattended or abandoned baggage.

The Library is not responsible for personal items that are lost, stolen, or damaged in or on the grounds of the Library. Please refer to the Library's Lost and Found Policy for information about unclaimed or found personal items.

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