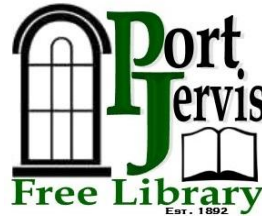


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Hateful Conduct and Unprotected Speech

Hateful Conduct will not be tolerated on the grounds of the Port Jervis Free Library.

Hateful conduct promotes intimidation and hate against people on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, religious affiliation, age, disability, or serious disease. For the purposes of this document, hateful conduct is more than a statement; it can be ongoing and behavioral (ala.org, n.d.).

Below is a table that helps identify the difference between Hateful Conduct and Hate Crimes. Hateful Conduct will result in a library patron being asked to leave the library and becoming permanently banned from the library for repeat offenses. Hate Crimes will be reported to the police immediately.

Hateful Conduct	Hate Crime
Posting flyers with symbols identified with a group or movement targeting persons because of their race, ethnicity, gender or gender identity; positioning toys or materials into hate symbols or threatening acts; leaving pamphlets that promote hate groups and hate speech in the pages of books	Vandalizing books or walls with symbols associated with a hate movement; physical assault, or unwanted physical contact, directed toward a person because of their race, religion, belief, sexual orientation, or other identities

(ala.org, n.d.).

Free speech protections are always respected and upheld by the Port Jervis Free Library. Hate speech has protections under the first amendment. Hateful conduct does not. The following types of speech are also not afforded protections under the first amendment and are therefore not protected on library grounds as either: defamation, incitement, and fighting words. Defamation includes false statements about a person or group. Incitement includes statements that are likely to produce imminent lawless action. Fighting words are language that is "likely to provoke the average person to retaliation, and thereby cause a breach of the peace." (congress.gov, n.d.).

References

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