



## **Mendon Public Library** ***Electronic Devices Policy***

The Mendon Public Library policy regarding the use of electronic devices attempts to strike a balance between two competing factors:

- The user's expectation that the Library is an environment conducive to reading, study, research, consultation, and quiet collaboration.
- The Library's desire to accommodate the increasing usage of electronic devices among its users.

These guidelines were developed in response to concerns from patrons and visitors about the increased noise and distraction in the Library due to electronic devices use. Common sense and courtesy are the order of the day.

### **Electronic Device Usage Guidelines**

**When entering the Library, all electronic devices, including cell phones and pagers, should be set to the silent or vibrate mode. In general, all electronic devices usage in the Library should be kept to a minimum.**

To preserve the quiet atmosphere in the Library while at the same time keeping electronic devices use convenient for patrons, the Mendon Public Library will allow **texting functions** of electronic devices anywhere in the library.

For other purposes, including making or receiving calls, users should go to the vestibule. Users engaging in audible communications that disrupt the work of others will be asked by Library staff to move to the vestibule. These audible communications should be conducted in a low voice.