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1. Readers are required to deposit coats, hats, brief cases, and other personal property not essential to their work. Readers may take into the reading room only paper and books essential to their immediate research.
2. Readers are to request material in advance via email to specialcollections@pequotlibrary.org, supplying call number and as much bibliographic information as possible. Requests for Pequot Library materials held at the Beinecke Library at Yale University are directed to <http://beinecke.library.yale.edu/visit/planning-your-research-visit> for policies and procedures.
3. Each reader should be given a current copy of the Guidelines for Use. In addition, as part of the registration process, the reader should sign the appropriate form to indicate understanding and acceptance of the guidelines.
4. Rare books and manuscripts may be consulted only in the reading room, and no material may be removed from the building.
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7. All material must be returned to the desk attendant when the reader leaves the building. Material to be used in the immediate future may be reserved at the Front Desk.
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11. Smoking is not permitted within the building. No food or drink may be present in the reading room.

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