
Livonia Public Library Patron Policy – Rules of Conduct

Recognizing the need to maintain an environment suitable for studying, reading, browsing and the general use of library resources, the Library Board established rules and procedures to assure the safety of library users, library personnel, and library materials, equipment and furnishings; and to assure that the use of the library is not obstructed by inappropriate behavior or actions.

Library patrons are expected to follow all library rules and policies including these Rules of Conduct. Entering the library implies agreement to abide by these rules and policies while on library property. Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the library and/or loss of library privileges. A person who defies an authorized library employee's request not to enter the library or not to remain in the library or failure to comply with the library's rules and policies is subject to arrest for trespass. (New York State Penal Law, Section 140.05)

The following behaviors will not be tolerated:

- Patrons shall not harass or annoy others through noisy, boisterous, or other activities, by loudly talking to others or in monologues, or by behaving in a manner, which can be reasonably expected to disturb others.
- Use of tobacco products, alcohol, vaporizers or illegal drugs
- Be under the influence of alcohol
- Engage in any illegal activity while in the library building
- Sleeping
- Loitering or soliciting on library premises
- Deface or mar library materials
- Enter the building without a shirt or shoes
- Patrons must wear a covering of the upper and lower bodies and shoes or other footwear. Patrons whose bodily hygiene is offensive so as to constitute a nuisance to other patrons may be required to leave the building.
- An adult (or caregiver over the age of 14) must accompany patrons under the age of 10 at all times while on library property. Parents and caregivers, not library staff, are responsible for the whereabouts and behavior of their children while visiting the library. This policy does not apply when a child has registered for and is attending specific library events. Contact library staff for more information.
- Bring pets or animals into the library (Other than guide or therapy dogs).

Each patron shall be responsible for any fines, fees, or other charges due in accordance with the library's standard fine schedules. Failure to pay these fines will result in the suspension of borrowing privileges.

Any materials removed from the library must be checked out on a valid library card.

When a patron does not observe the Rules of Conduct, library staff will take the following progressive steps:

1. Issue a verbal warning, stating that the patron(s) will be asked to leave if the behavior in question does not cease.
2. Request that the patron(s) leave the Library.
3. Call the police.

Any patron who violates these rules and regulations may be denied the privilege of access to the library by the Library's Board of Trustees, on the recommendation of the library director. A patron whose privileges have been denied may have the decision reviewed by the Board of Trustees if they so choose.

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