

Patron Rules of Conduct

In order to provide a safe and acceptable environment within the Library, it is necessary to have a set of basic rules of courtesy and responsibility to be followed by Library users of all ages.

1. No solicitation is allowed in the Library.
2. Defacing or destroying Library property is prohibited.
3. Creating excessive noise or other disruptive behavior is prohibited.
4. Eating outside of the meeting rooms or snack room is prohibited.
5. Only covered beverages are allowed throughout the Library. No beverages are allowed in the computer lab.
6. Smoking is prohibited in the building.
7. Patrons are required to be dressed appropriately (shoes and shirt are required).
8. Unauthorized use of the computer network is prohibited (see Internet Acceptable Use policy).
9. Bringing pets into the Library (see Animals on Library Grounds policy) is not allowed.
10. Roller-blades, skateboards, or bicycles may not be used as recreation in or outside the Library except as a legitimate mode of transportation or pursuant to Library programs.
11. No person shall possess alcohol or illegal controlled substances on Library property.
12. Carrying guns, pistols, firearms or other weapons is prohibited, except where carrying such guns, pistols or firearms is (1) specifically permitted by law and/or (2) exempt from local regulation by law.

A patron disregarding these guidelines is subject to the following disciplinary actions:

First violation: Initial warning, given copy of Library Patron Rules of Conduct.

Second violation: Library privileges suspended for one day.

Third violation: Library privileges suspended for seven days.

Fourth violation: Determined by Library Board

Library Supervisors have the option to decrease or increase suspension times based on individual cases and/or have the right to ask patrons to leave the premises. A written appeal may be presented to the Library Director (3) days prior to the next regular scheduled board meeting.

These rules are enforced by the Library staff and the Oakland County Sheriff-Independence Township Substation. Violators of the law will be prosecuted accordingly.

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