

PATRON CODE OF CONDUCT - LANESBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

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1.0 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The Lanesboro Public Library seeks to be a friendly and welcoming place for its patrons and visitors and will be conducive to the use of the library materials and facilities. All visitors are to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws as well as the following guidelines and regulations.

1.1 GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS

Patrons and staff have the right to enjoy an atmosphere free of harassment. Harassment is defined as any action that produces psychological or physical discomfort, embarrassment or ridicule, obscene or abusive language or acts. Harassment is characterized by unwelcome sexual advances or conduct, physical or verbal in nature that is intentionally demeaning, hostile offensive or potentially dangerous.

- Obscene or abusive language or acts and boisterous behavior prohibited
- Personal or electronic devices are to be used with ear phones at a reasonable level
- No videotaping of individuals without their permission or their parents if minors
- Cell phones are to be set on silent mode, and patrons are asked to step in the lobby if they need to converse
- No intentional damaging or altering programs of libraries computers or associated peripherals
- No theft or vandalism of library materials or property
- Possession of or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs or use of tobacco on premises is prohibited
- No eating or drinking in areas unless designated for select activities
- No bringing in animals to library except those trained to assist individuals or for library sponsored events

- No Soliciting sales or selling to library patrons except at library sponsored events
- Patrons will not be allowed in the building without a shirt or other covering of their upper body or without shoes or other footwear
- All firearms or dangerous weapons are prohibited on the library premises
- Children age seven and under must be accompanied and supervised by a parent/guardian/caregiver. It is their responsibility to supervise and monitor the behavior and safety of their children at all times.
- Bodily hygiene, including strong perfume and unsanitary personal conditions that are offensive as to constitute an offense to other persons is not allowed

2.0 CONSEQUENCES

The library director or staff shall have the responsibility for enforcing discipline within the library and will determine violation. Children age seven and under must be accompanied by a supervised parent/guardian, caregiver. It is their responsibility to supervise and monitor the behavior and safety of their children at all times.

2.1 WARNING

Patrons who engage in violation will be given one warning and asked to behave in appropriate manner.

2.2 EXPULSION

- Patrons who do not modify their behavior after one warning will be asked to leave for the rest of the day.
- Patrons who engage in violation that in the judgement of a staff member is extreme will be ordered to leave the building immediately.
- Patrons who engage in violation may be barred from the library for a period of one week to one year depending on the nature for violation.
- If patron is to verbally informed of the length of expulsion on the day of the incident a written notice will be sent by the director

2.3 POLICE

If a patron appears dangerous, violates the law, is a registered sex offender or refuses to leave after being asked by staff the police will be contacted.

