



Patron Behavior on Library Property Policy

The Library is a public institution. Its patrons and staff expect a comfortable and safe atmosphere. To accommodate the broadest spectrum of individuals, it is necessary for the Library to establish reasonable rules to maintain an appropriate atmosphere.

PRIORITIES FOR AN APPROPRIATE ATMOSPHERE

Public Safety

Any person who, or condition which presents a threat to public and staff safety will be handled as an emergency situation and may require involvement of the Frankfort Police Department. The library cannot operate *in loco parentis*. For their safety, children should be accompanied by an adult and be picked up before library closing times.

Protection of the Premises

Any willful act by a person which causes harm or damage to the Library premises, building, furniture, equipment, or materials is unlawful. All persons engaging in such acts shall be subject to the penalties of applicable ordinances and statutes. Beverages are allowed with covers. We ask that you not bring food into the library to help us discourage pests.

Expected Standards of Behavior

Expected standards of behavior are defined as those which respect the rights of others, do not impede the work of users or staff, and which show care for Library property. No behavior is appropriate to the Library if it willfully disregards the rights of others, unnecessarily and unreasonably interferes with or distracts others, jeopardizes staff or public safety, or shows disregard for Library property.

Animals will not be permitted in the Library or on the Bookmobile unless they are certified service animals or are part of a library program.

Smoke Free Illinois Act

The 2008 act prohibits smoking in public places and places of employment. "Smoking" is the burning, carrying, exhaling, inhaling or smoking any kind of lighted cigar, cigarette, herb, hookah, pipe, weed or any other lighted smoking equipment including "eCigarettes."

Library programming and provision of service to all patrons takes precedence over individual use of facilities. For example, meeting rooms and study areas.

People identified as refusing to comply with the Priorities for an Appropriate Atmosphere may be denied, with the approval of the Library Board of Trustees, the privilege of access to library property for an extended period. A patron whose privileges have been denied may request in writing that the decision be reviewed by the Board of Trustees at the next monthly meeting.

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