



LEMONT
Public Library District

LIBRARY CODE OF CONDUCT

Lemont Public Library District encourages the public to use its facilities, materials and services to fulfill their educational, cultural, and recreational needs. In order to ensure a welcoming, secure library environment for all patrons and staff, and to protect library materials and equipment, the following rules of conduct have been approved by the Library Board of Trustees.

- Behavior which may disturb others or interfere with their rights to use library facilities is prohibited, including, but not limited to: loud, repetitive, abusive, obscene or threatening language, telephone conversations, singing, running, shoving, throwing things, fighting, physical or verbal harassment of staff or other patrons.
- Any illegal act or conduct in violation of federal, state or local law, ordinance or regulations is prohibited in any library facility.
- Audio/visual equipment, used with headphones and cell phones may be used in library facilities, provided the equipment's volume or the speaker's voice level does not disturb others.
- Patrons may not record sound or images on television equipment, tape, film or electronic or digital devices, such as cell phones, while on library property without prior permission from the Library Director or designee.
- Smoking, eating, sleeping or lounging on furniture are not permitted in library facilities. Consumption of beverages in covered containers is permitted in designated areas of library facilities.
- Entering library facilities without proper attire which conforms to the standard of the community for public places, including shoes and shirts, is not acceptable.
- Animals may not be brought into any library facility, except those needed to assist a patron with a disability.
- Use of sporting equipment is not allowed in any library facility.
- Patrons not engaged in reading, studying, or using library materials or equipment in a considerate manner may be asked to leave the library facility.
- Parents are responsible for the behavior of their children while they are in the library. Children under the age of eight (8) must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or other responsible caregiver who is age fourteen (14) or older, at all times while in the library unless they are attending a Library sponsored program.

Illinois law authorizes the Board of Trustees to "exclude from the use of the Library any person who willfully violates an ordinance or regulation prescribed by the board." (Illinois Compiled Statutes, 75 ILCS 16/30-55.55). Failure to abide by the Library Code of Conduct may result in loss of Library privileges. Any patron whose privileges have been denied may have the decision reviewed by the Library Board of Trustees upon prior written request.

Approved by the Lemont Public Library District Board of Trustees - December 11, 2008