



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 loitering 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 service dogs needed to assist a patron with a disability.
- In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title II & Title III, service dogs are permitted in this facility solely for the purpose of assisting a person with a disability. The owner of the service animal is responsible for controlling the dog. The service dog must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered at all times. A person with a disability will be asked to remove the service dog if the animal is out of control and the handler does not take effective action to control it or the service dog is not housebroken.
- Patrons are to refrain from petting or otherwise interacting with a working service dog.
- 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 ten (10) must be accompanied at all times by a parent, legal guardian, or other responsible caregiver who is age fourteen (14) or older, while in the library unless they are

attending a Library sponsored program which does not require a parent or caregiver to be present.

- No individual, group, or organization may sell or solicit merchandise, services, donations, or signatures for petitions inside or outside the library without prior approval. The Library reserves the right to limit the time, place, and manner of such activities.

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.

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