

Lyons Public Library Code of Conduct

The Board of Trustees and staff of the Lyons Public Library strives to create a warm, inviting, and orderly atmosphere for all visitors. We want people to use our facilities frequently and to take full advantage of available materials, resources, and programs in an atmosphere that provides a positive and welcoming experience for all library visitors.

This Code of Conduct has been adopted for the comfort and safety of all library visitors. It shall be posted at strategic places in the library and courteously and firmly enforced by library staff. We ask your cooperation in maintaining a pleasant and respectful atmosphere, conducive to the effective use of library materials and services.

The following behaviors are expected:

- *Careful use of library materials and property.
- *Adherence to the rules of circulating materials.
- *Quietly talking.
- *Respect for the privacy of other patrons.
- *Be courteous towards staff and other patrons.
- *Shoes and shirts are required at all times.
- *Children under age 8 must have someone at least 14 years old with them.
- *Service animals, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, are permitted in the library.
- *Non-alcoholic beverages in covered containers and snacks are allowed in library but not near computers or in Local History.

The following behaviors are not permitted in the library building:

- *You cannot bring pets in.
- *Smoking in the Library.
- *Any behavior such as bullying, fighting, running or noise that is disruptive to library use.
- *Abusive or obscene language, racial or ethnic epithets, slurs against gender or gender preference.
- *Bicycles, skateboards, and rollerblades are not allowed.
- *Damaging, tampering or theft of any property belonging to the Library or another person.
- * Distributing or posting unauthorized materials
- * Having bodily hygiene offensive so as to constitute a nuisance to other persons. Such patron shall be required to leave the building.

Library staff are required to bring to an individual's attention any act or omission which violates the Code of Conduct and related library policies. The person exhibiting inappropriate behavior will be asked to change his or her behavior to conform to the Code of Conduct. If such a change is not evident or forthcoming, that person will be asked to leave the library and library grounds. Failure to leave, if asked, may result in the police being called.

Depending on the severity of the violation, individuals who have been asked to leave the building may be evicted and barred from returning to the library for varying periods of time. Individuals who have been evicted may be required to discuss the violation with the Librarian/Supervisor or Director before being readmitted. Juveniles may be required to bring a parent or guardian for such a conference.

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