

Code of Behavior

Adopted by the Lawrence Public Library Board of Trustees, October 21, 1996. Revised May 17, 2000; May 19, 2003; August 21, 2006; October 16, 2006; and February 24, 2011.

The purpose of this document is to:

- Protect the rights and safety of Library users and visitors;
- Protect the rights and safety of Library staff members;
- Preserve and protect the Library's materials, facilities and property;
- Preserve an atmosphere conducive to the Library's mission.

Entry into the Library or on the Library grounds constitutes your consent to this document.

1. Alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are not allowed in the Library or on the Library grounds.
2. Firearms or other weapons are not allowed in the Library or on the Library grounds.
3. Smoking is not allowed in the Library or within 50 feet of the Library entrances.
4. Food and drink are not allowed at or near computer terminals and workstations, or while using the Helen Osma local history collection.
5. Animals are not allowed in the Library, except for those needed to assist a patron with a disability or for use in a Library-sponsored program that has been authorized by the Library Director. Animals may not be tethered at or near the Library entrances or on the Library grounds.
6. Photography, videography and any other recording in the Library or on the Library grounds must immediately cease upon request of a Library staff member or Library security officer.
7. Behavior disruptive to Library users or staff is not allowed.
8. Offensive odor is not allowed in the Library.
9. Intoxication is not allowed in the Library or on the Library grounds.
10. Offensive, threatening, harassing or abusive language or gestures are not allowed in the Library or on the Library grounds.
11. Soliciting or panhandling is not allowed in the Library or on the Library grounds.
12. Shoes and shirts must be worn in the Library.
13. Relocating furniture is not allowed in the Library.
14. Prolonged or chronic sleeping is not allowed in the Library or on the Library grounds.

15. Skateboarding, rollerblading and bicycling are not allowed in the Library or on the Library grounds, with the exception of transportation to and from the Library. Bicycles may not be brought into the Library.
16. Privileges may be limited or a permanent ban may be issued for repeated disregard for library behavioral guidelines, damaging Library property, stealing Library materials, or disobeying the direction of a Library staff member or Library security officer.
17. Physical assault or the threat of violence directed toward Library users or staff will result in a permanent ban.
18. Violation of certain provisions of this Code of Behavior may result in criminal prosecution.