

Code of Conduct Policy

A primary overall objective of the Waterford Public Library is to provide its users with a safe and pleasant atmosphere that is conducive to the pursuit of life-long learning. Library patrons are expected to use the library, including its facilities, grounds, resources, materials, and virtual space, in a responsible, appropriate, and courteous manner while respecting library patrons and staff.

Wisconsin Statutes s. 43.52(2) states: "Every public library shall be free for the use of the inhabitants of the municipality by which it is established and maintained, subject to such reasonable regulations as the library board prescribes in order to render its use most beneficial to the greatest number. The library board may exclude from the use of the public library all persons who willfully violate such regulations."

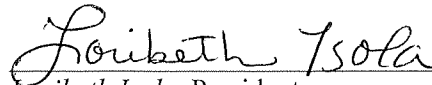
Anyone who disregards these regulations is subject to removal from the library and/or restriction of library privileges, which may include denial of specific privileges (such as use of computers) to denial of right to use the library for a specified time period. In the event of inappropriate behavior by a minor, the child's parent or guardian will be notified.

Considerations for behavior include, but are not limited to:

1. Any conduct that hinders others from using Waterford Public Library materials is prohibited.
2. Any behavior that disrupts or hinders public use of the library building and grounds is prohibited.
3. Inappropriate behavior including verbal or physical harassment, drunkenness, running, fighting or engaging in excessive displays of public affection.
4. All patrons using the library should be dressed including shoes, shirt and non-revealing attire.
5. Patrons must maintain acceptable personal hygiene so as not to disturb other users.
6. Smoking, vaping, or chewing tobacco is not permitted in the library.
7. Food and covered beverages are permitted on public study tables and in public meeting rooms. Patrons are expected to clean up after themselves.
8. Roller skating, roller shoes, rollerblading, scooters or skateboarding are not permitted in the library. Wagons and strollers may not be left obstructing a corridor, hallway, aisle, entry or exit. Bicycles and scooters must be parked outside in designated parking areas.
9. Using library materials, furniture, equipment or facilities in any manner inconsistent with the customary use thereof or the theft or intentional damaging of library materials, furniture, equipment or facilities is prohibited. Cost of replacement and/or cleaning of materials damaged by patrons' may be assessed to the patrons responsible.
10. Selling products or services, or soliciting donations, is not permitted in the library, except as part of a library-sponsored program.
11. Taking surveys, circulating petitions, distributing leaflets, and other similar activities are permitted in the library only when authorized by the library administration.
12. Animals, except those used to aid persons with disabilities, are not permitted in the library, except as part of a library-sponsored program. Animals may not be left unattended on library property.
13. Parents or other legal guardians are responsible for the behavior of individuals in their care in the library. See Unattended Children Policy for more information.
14. The violation of federal or state laws or local ordinances will not be permitted on library property. Possession of weapons, theft, vandalism, and mutilation of library property are criminal offenses and may be prosecuted.
15. The library is not responsible for personal belongings left unattended.

16. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted on library property, unless authorized by the library administration for special events.

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