

La Porte County Public Library System

Policy on Appropriate Library Behavior

In fulfilling its mission to provide library services to the community, the Board of Trustees of La Porte County Public Library seeks to maintain the atmosphere appropriate to use of library collections, programs, and services.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to cause to be ejected from the library and to refuse further admission to those individuals who may violate the rights of the staff or library users, or who create disorder in the library in any of the following situations:

- Any situation in which the actions of a person present an imminent danger to the life or safety of others in the library.
- Any situation in which a person is observed in an attempt to steal library property or that of another user, or to maliciously destroy library property.
- Any situation in which a person willfully disturbs the staff or other library users or whose behavior is in any way disruptive to the legitimate use of library facilities by others.
- Any situation in which a person's behavior is inappropriate to the use of the library building for the purposes for which it is legally constituted.

Inappropriate Behavior

Inappropriate behavior includes but is not limited to:

Eating/drinking	Sleeping	Absence of shoes or clothing
Loitering	Voyeurism	Using obscene language
Running	Molestation	Solicitation for unlawful purposes
Smoking	Public intoxication	

Violators

Those persons who violate these rules will be asked to leave the library, or, when appropriate, be subject to arrest.

Repeated violators and/or those who refuse to leave will be subject to arrest and prosecution under Section 35-43-2-2 of the Indiana Code entitled "Criminal Trespass".

Posting

These policies and rules stated above will be prominently posted in a public area of all library buildings.

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