



Patron Code of Conduct

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The Library Advisory Board of the Doreen Gauthier Lighthouse Point Library, by adopting the following code, seeks to ensure that our Library provides an atmosphere conducive to appropriate use of its services and facilities. This code is supported by related Library policies and procedures.

All Lighthouse Point Library patrons are expected to:

1. Have an active and current Lighthouse Point Library card in good standing.
2. Put all electronic devices (including cell phones) on silent or vibrate when entering the Library and for the duration of their visit while inside the Library.
3. Comply with our no food and limited drinks (in sealable beverage containers) policies and to comply with posted 'No Drink' areas.
4. Attend to personal belongings at all times. The Library is not responsible for the safekeeping or loss of personal belongings left in or on Library property.
5. All telephone calls should be dealt with outside of the Library.
6. Use Library furniture, equipment, and materials for their intended functions.
7. Understand that if a child is not permitted to travel to and from the library alone, the child cannot be in the library without a parent or adult caregiver.
8. Follow established loan procedures or authorizations before taking Library property or materials from the building.
9. Abide by the Library's technology, computer, and internet use policies.
10. Use all Library areas, including Library parking areas, sidewalks and lawns/landscapes, safely and in accordance with all Library (and City) policies.
11. Use study/meeting rooms in accordance with time, scheduling, and usage policies.
12. Stay out of staff/non-public areas.
13. Leave the Library at the designated closing time.
14. Refrain from solicitation of any kind, for any purpose unless it is a Library sanctioned event.
15. Use restrooms only for their intended purpose. Bathing is prohibited.
16. Wear shoes, shirt, and clothing at all times.
17. Maintain bodily hygiene in a manner that does not constitute a nuisance to other persons.

The following actions and forms of conduct are NOT permitted:

1. Sleeping, spitting, loitering, or gambling.
2. Chewing tobacco, vaping, or smoking of any kind.
3. Harassing or speaking abusively to or in front of Library staff, volunteers, or other patrons.
4. Mutilating or destroying Library materials, equipment, furnishings, or buildings.
5. Bringing non service animals into the Library.
6. Behaving in an unlawful, disruptive or potentially harmful manner.
7. Engaging in sexual activity of any kind, including sexual harassment or indecent exposure.
8. Leaving individuals who need constant care or supervision unattended.
9. Consuming or possessing alcohol, illegal drugs, or being under the influence.
10. Monopolizing Library equipment, materials, or facilities (thus preventing others from using them).
11. Carrying illegal weapons of any type or any items that present a potential danger.
12. Disturbing other patrons with noise producing activities.
13. Damaging, destroying, or stealing another individual's property.
14. Blocking or interfering with the movement of individuals.
15. Bringing oversized or an excessive number of personal items on to Library property.
16. Bringing bicycles, scooters (mopeds), grocery carts, skate items, or other motorized items not medically required for mobility into the Library/lobby.
17. Adults not in the company of their children may not use the youth areas or attend youth programs.

Violations of the Patron Code of Conduct and Library Policies:

The Library reserves the right to require anyone violating the Patron Code of Conduct or Library Policies to leave the Library. Violations of the Patron Code of Conduct and Library policies will result in all Library privileges being suspended for up to one year. Serious or repeated misconduct may lead to permanent loss of Library privileges, being trespassed, legal action, or criminal prosecution, in the sole and exclusive discretion of the City.