

Chesterfield Township Library

PATRON CODE OF CONDUCT

It is the policy of the Chesterfield Township Library that all individuals have the right to use library materials and services without being disturbed or impeded by other library users; that patrons and staff have the right to a secure and comfortable environment; and that patrons and staff have the right to materials and facilities that are in good condition.

Guidelines

1. Any individual identified by the Chesterfield Township Library staff as exhibiting unacceptable behavior will be asked to stop such behavior and/or leave the library.
2. If the individual refuses to comply, the police may be called.
3. Information on each incident will be documented on an Incident Report form. The duration of any suspension of library privileges will be commensurate with the offense and determined by Library Administration.

Rules

1. The following are strictly prohibited on library premises:
 - Use of all tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes.
 - Concealed weapons as defined by Michigan state law.
 - Drunkenness or use of alcohol, drugs, hallucinogens and other controlled substances.
 - All sexual acts.
 - Fighting, running, or "horseplay".
 - Mutilation or damage of library materials, equipment and property.
 - Loud noises, obscene language or behavior which disturbs the quiet of the library.
 - Sleeping and/or loitering.
 - Inappropriate dress, for example, bare chests and feet.
 - Lack of hygiene and/or offensive body odors.
 - Washing or drying clothes, bathing or shaving in rest rooms.
 - Harassing, intimidating, disturbing or threatening any person by word or action.
 - Interfering with other patrons' use of the library or with library employees' performance of duties.
 - Entering non-public areas without a staff member.
 - Remaining in the building after closing hours or during an emergency such as a fire alarm.
 - Violating township ordinances, state or federal laws or library policies.
2. Any item brought into the library may be subject to search. Staff may request a patron to leave personal items outside the library. The library is not responsible for unattended items whether inside or outside the library.
3. Eating or drinking is allowed only in designated areas.
4. Bicycles or other wheeled devices (other than baby carriages, walkers, and manual or motorized wheelchairs) may not be brought into the library. Bikes must be parked in the bicycle rack and removed by closing. Roller skates, rollerblades, or skateboards, etc. may not be used on library property.

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