

Title: Rules of Conduct	Original Effective Date: July 2016
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The WJ Niederkorn Public Library is committed to preserving a safe and welcoming environment for reading, learning, exploring ideas, creating, participating in programs and enjoying other Library activities. Library patrons are expected to follow all Library policies, including these Rules of Conduct. Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the library and/or loss of Library privileges.

Applicable Laws and Ordinances

We expect all our library patrons to abide by the laws of the United States and Wisconsin and the ordinances of the city of Port Washington while at the library.

We have instructed our staff to call the police and report any suspected violations of the law.

Patrons are expected to comply with the following:

Discourteous behavior which will not be tolerated in the Library includes:

- Interfering with other patrons' ability to reasonably use the Library.
- Abusive or threatening language or actions.
- Interfering with other patrons' reasonable expectations of privacy.
- Failing to keep personal and/or explicit activity, information, and images private.

Prohibited Activities

- Smoking or vaping
- Use of alcohol or illegal drugs
- Leaving belongings unattended for prolonged periods of time
- Littering
- Leaving children under age 9 unattended
- Failing to wear shirt or shoes
- Making loud or disturbing noises repeatedly
- Using skates or skateboards on Library premises
- Soliciting
- Bringing animals, other than those used as service animals, into the Library
- Harassing patrons and staff
- Swearing and offensive language
- Bringing uncovered beverages into the library, except in the Community Room and during library events

Respect of Library Employees

The safety and security of our employees and patrons are of utmost importance. Library employees have the right to a safe and respectful environment.

Conduct that causes or threatens harm to others, interferes with library employees' performance of duties or constitutes persistent unwanted behavior will not be tolerated.