

LIBRARY RULES

The Library Board of Trustees of Lincoln City Libraries has adopted the following rules in order to set a standard of acceptable behavior conducive to maintaining an appropriate public library atmosphere.

1. Customers shall respect the rights of other persons and shall not behave in any manner which can reasonably be expected to disturb other persons. Customers shall not interfere with the use of the library by other customers, nor interfere with staff's performance of their duties. Examples of prohibited behavior include but are not limited to:
 - harassment, engaging in threatening, unwanted speech or behavior
 - noisy or boisterous activities
 - staring at another person
 - following another person about the building
 - singing/talking loudly to others or in monologues
 - audio equipment audible to others
 - loitering in library buildings, entrances and parking lots
 - disregarding staff instructions/requests
 - excessive personal belongings which presence interferes with use of the library by others
2. Customers shall follow staff instructions and posted guidelines relating to addressing public health emergencies.
3. Children under the age of 6 must be supervised by a person age 13 or older.
4. Sleeping is prohibited.
5. Firearms or other dangerous weapons are prohibited. (LMC 9.36.150 defines dangerous weapon as any firearm, stun gun, knife, and switchblade knife, any gun which releases any propelled object by spring mechanism, compressed air or compressed gas, or any other instrument the use of which is intended or likely to cause death or bodily injury.)
6. Engaging in the burning of candles, incense, pyrotechnics or any type of open flame is prohibited.
7. Operation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (drones) for non-library purposes or events is not allowed in library facilities or on library property.
8. Use of tobacco, electronic smoking devices, alcohol, or drugs is prohibited, as is drunkenness or any form of drug abuse.
9. Persons 4 years of age and older must wear shirts and shoes in the library.
10. Animals are prohibited in library buildings except trained service animals and animals in library sponsored programs. Under the Americans with Disability Act, service animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless these devices interfere with the service animal's work or the individual's disability prevents using these devices. The individual must maintain control of the animal at all times. (See Americans with Disability Act, §35.136 for details.)

11. Persons whose bodily hygiene or odor is so offensive, or whose body or belongings are infested with insects, including but not limited to bed bugs or cockroaches, as to constitute a nuisance to other persons and/or library staff, shall be required to leave the building.
12. The following are prohibited:
 - A. Use of the computer and/or Internet so as to:
 - violate the law;
 - view, transmit or download obscenity ("obscenity" is used here in its legal definition of materials considered outside the bounds of constitutionally protected speech, including child pornography), or materials that encourage others to violate the law;
 - cause harm to others or damage the property of others; jeopardize the security of access of the computer network or other networks on the Internet or elsewhere;
 - compromise the safety and security of others;
 - provide access by a minor to material that is inappropriate for a minor.
 - B. Use of someone else's library card to access the Internet.
13. Selling, bartering, solicitation, signature gathering and leafleting are prohibited in library buildings or any exterior areas that would in any way obstruct, interfere, and/or prevent access to entrances and/or exits of a library building.
14. Library customers may not photograph other customers without permission.

Any customer not abiding by these or other rules and regulations of the library shall be asked to leave the premises. Conduct which constitutes a violation of these rules or the criminal laws of the State of Nebraska or City of Lincoln may result in suspension or banning of the customer from the premises. See Behavior Policy: Inappropriate and/or Illegal Conduct for definitions and information regarding suspension, banning and appeal procedure.

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