

PROBLEM PATRON POLICY

The Board of Library Trustees recognizes that an orderly environment is essential for the proper functioning of a public library. The board seeks, therefore, to maintain an environment in which all users of the Seekonk Public Library may equally enjoy the benefits of its services.

Each user must accept as a condition for his or her use of the library that he or she will respect the rights of others to use the library undisturbed. An individual whose actions or failures create circumstances that interfere with another library user's quiet enjoyment of the library violates this condition. Individuals found in violation may be immediately ejected from the library property or denied access to library property or portions thereof.

The board authorizes the library director to establish appropriate rules of behavior as well as procedures and guidelines for enforcing these rules. The library director is further authorized to impose penalties and restrictions on people who violate the rules. The library director may impose or suspend penalties and restrictions at his or her discretion. Library users may appeal decisions of the library director in accordance with the Seekonk Public Library policy, The Right of Customers to Appeal a Loss of Services

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GUIDELINES

The following actions include but are not limited to examples of conduct not allowed on library property:

- Any activity in violation of federal or state law.
- Carrying firearms or dangerous weapons of any type, except by law enforcement officials.
- Being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Defacing or otherwise damaging library property.
- Smoking, chewing and other tobacco use.
- Lying down or sleeping on any floor, table or seat in the library.
- Soliciting or conducting surveys not authorized by the library.
- Making loud noise(s).
- Running, pushing, shoving or throwing objects.
- Using restrooms for bathing or shampooing, doing laundry or changing clothes.
- Verbally or physically threatening or harassing other visitors, library staff or volunteers, including stalking, staring, touching or using offensive language.
- Using cell phones or pagers in a manner that disturbs other visitors. Cell phone audible ringers must be turned off.
- Entering the library barefoot or without a shirt.
- Having offensive body odor or personal hygiene as to constitute a nuisance
- Group activity that is disruptive to the library environment.