

PATRON BEHAVIOR POLICY

The Board of Trustees of the Lenox Township Library has adopted the following policy so that the Library may provide an atmosphere conducive to appropriate use of its services and facilities. **Use of the Library is intended for reading, studying, writing, listening to written or electronically transmitted materials and activities related to Library programming. Other use is not permitted.**

The following actions are prohibited on Library property:

- Selling and/or soliciting for services, money, or items
- Distributing or posting printed materials/literature that have not been approved by the Library Director
- Possessing or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Smoking and other uses of tobacco
- Sleeping
- Entering without wearing shoes or shirt
- Bringing animals into the building that are not designated as service animals
- Creating loud or disruptive noises by persons or electronic devices
- Engaging in any behavior that is disruptive to Library use
- Intentionally damaging, destroying or stealing any Library property, any other library patrons' or staff members' property
- Removing library materials from the premises without authorization through established lending procedures
- Leaving a child under eight years of age unattended
- Leaving any child or young adult (up to the age of seventeen) at the Library after closing time
- Misusing restrooms
- Carrying illegal weapons of any type
- Using obscene or abusive acts and/or language towards staff members or other patrons
- Engaging in any other illegal acts or conduct in violation of Federal, State, or local law, ordinance or regulation

Failure to comply with the Library's established rules and regulations may result in the following: 1st offense – Verbal/Written Warning; 2nd offense – Temporary Exclusion from the Library; 3rd offense – Permanent Exclusion from the Library

Theft or damage to Library materials and/or property is a serious offense and will result in permanent exclusion from the Library and/or in arrest. The Library may seek reimbursement through civil litigation for losses resulting from theft, damage or abuse of Library resources.

Communication of threats, acts of physical violence or acts of sexual offenses or sexual overtures will result in permanent exclusion from the Library and may result in arrest.

Trespassers will be arrested and prosecuted.

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