

Jean Waterloo Lenox Township Library Patron Behavior Policy

The Board of Trustees of the Jean Waterloo 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, as well as a safe, clean environment for all who visit.

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 other than those recognized as service animals under the law¹, or those that are part of approved library programming
- 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 language or committing acts that are obscene or abusive towards library 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

¹ The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) defines a service animal as a dog that is individually trained to perform tasks or do work for the benefit of a person with a disability. Under current Michigan law, only dogs and miniature horses can be service animals including those that are in training.

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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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