

# Lansing Public Library Behavior Policy

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According to the Illinois Compiled Statutes, 1994, Chapter 75, Section 4 – 1 et.seq:  
Each board of library trustees... shall have the following powers: Section 5/4-11; To exclude from the use of the library any person who willfully violates the rules prescribed by the board.

### *Mission Statement*

*The mission of Lansing Public Library is to provide access to informational, educational, cultural, and recreational library materials and services in a variety of formats and technologies; to be responsive to the public library needs of the community; and to uphold the public's freedom of access to information.*

### **Standards of Behavior**

Lansing Public Library is supported by the taxes of the citizens of Lansing, Illinois, and as such, patrons have the right to expect that the library be a clean, pleasant, and safe building. To better serve members of the community of all ages, Lansing Public Library has established certain standards.

The library should be a pleasant place to read; request information; choose books and other materials; do homework; use computers, printers, copiers, and fax services; and attend library programs and events.

Unfortunately, the behavior of a few library visitors creates problems. Behavior becomes unacceptable when it infringes on the rights of others, when it could result in injury to oneself or others, when it disrupts library service, or when it could result in damage to the building or equipment.

Examples of this kind of behavior include:

### **INTERFERING WITH OTHER PATRONS' USE OF LIBRARY FACILITIES**

**DISORDERLY CONDUCT:** Engaging in loud speech or offensive behavior, willfully annoying others, or misusing library property or space

**HARASSMENT--VERBAL, PHYSICAL, OR SEXUAL:** Abusive behavior towards staff or patrons will not be tolerated.

**DISRESPECT OF PROPERTY:** Vandalism or theft of property on library premises.

**ABANDONMENT:** Leaving children under the age of 10 unattended is abandonment. Children under the age of 10 must be supervised by a person 16 or older.

**LOITERING:** Aimless roaming, hanging out, sleeping, or entering restricted areas in or on library property

**USING COMPUTERS WITHOUT A VALID LIBRARY CARD:** A valid card is a patron's own library card or a reservation issued to that patron by circulation.

### **USING CELLULAR PHONES OUTSIDE THE FOYER AREAS**

**USING AUDIO EQUIPMENT WITHOUT HEADPHONES:** Inappropriate loudness of electronic equipment

### **PUBLIC INDECENCY, VOYEURISM, VIEWING PORNOGRAPHY**

### **SMOKING, DRINKING, POSSESSING DRUGS**

The following may not be brought into the library: weapons, bicycles, or animals. All library visitors are required to be fully clothed, including shirt and shoes, at all times.

We expect patrons to obey reasonable requests of the library staff.

**If the standards of behavior are not followed, the library reserves the right to require that the patron leave library premises. Patrons who behave in an unacceptable manner may be banned from the library. Patrons who refuse to leave the library premises upon request may be removed by the police. Criminal acts may result in arrest and prosecution to the full extent of the law.**

Thank you for your cooperation.