



## **Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library District** Patron Behavior

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The objective of the Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library District is to meet the informational, educational and recreational needs of the residents of the Library district. To successfully achieve that objective, the Library requests that patrons meet these expectations for the safety, comfort and well-being of all, to demonstrate their consideration for others and their respect for the rights of others to use this library.

- To ensure the cleanliness of the Library, all patrons must wear shoes and be fully dressed (including a shirt) in the building.
- Children under the age of **8** years old must be attended by a responsible parent/guardian, mature babysitter, grandparents, etc.. For more information on this policy, please see our Unattended Children Policy.
- Drinks (non-alcoholic) in closed containers will be permitted in the Library.
- Food is allowed in the library but **NO** food may be delivered.
- Only licensed service animals are permitted in the Library, except those used in library programming.
- Sleeping is not permitted. If caught, a warning is given that sleeping isn't allowed. If there's a second occurrence, a patron will be asked to leave the Library.
- Soliciting of any kind, collecting signatures, selling or distribution of leaflets or any other materials, without approval of the Library Director or his or her designee, is not allowed.
- Restrooms are to be used for their intended purpose only.
- Use Library parking areas, sidewalks, ramps and lawns properly and safely. Vehicles parked improperly are subject to fines and if towing is required, it is done so at the owner's expense.
- Disruptive behavior is not permitted. See section below.
- Illegal behavior is not permitted. See section below.

### **Disruptive Behavior**

Disruptive behavior is any activity which endangers the perpetrator or others, interferes with the library business of other patrons or staff and/or results in harm to library equipment or services. Disruptive behavior is unacceptable in a library. Disruptive behavior impinges on the rights of others.

Disruptive behavior that is unacceptable in the library includes, but is not limited to:

- Abnormal, erratic behavior that hinders normal library use
- Disruptive noise created by electronic or mechanical devices
- Entry into non-public areas except by invitation or approval of library personnel
- Failure to follow the directions of library staff when directed
- Failure to leave the building promptly at closing
- Obscene, rude, threatening or abusive language or actions.
- Posing a sanitary or health risk, including offensive hygiene

- Pushing, hitting, fighting or biting
- Running, chasing or horseplay
- Screaming, shouting, yelling, or other disruptive noise
- Sexual activity
- Threats, abuse or physical harm to library patrons or staff. Throwing books or other objects.
- Use or possession of alcohol or controlled substances; overt signs of substance abuse

### **Illegal Behavior**

Illegal behavior is behavior that is prohibited by law. Illegal behavior will not be tolerated in the library and the police shall be called. Illegal behavior includes, but is not limited to:

- Assault (verbal, physical or sexual)
- Indecent exposure
- Indecent sexual advances
- Possession or use of alcohol except during specified library events & programs or illegal drugs
- Possession, display or use of a weapon, except as authorized by law
- Removing library materials from the library without checking them out
- Sexual molestation
- Smoking and tobacco use, and all forms of smoking and tobacco use, broadly conceived, as defined in this policy, are not permitted on the Library property within 50 ft of the building. Pursuant to the Smoke Free Illinois Act [410 ILCS 82], as amended, smoking is not permitted in the Library. Pursuant to this policy, smoking is not permitted on the Library property.
  - Further, the use of medical marijuana is not permitted on the Library property.
  - Further, the use of smokeless tobacco is not permitted on the Library property.
  - Further, the use of smokeless cigarettes (also known as "vaping") is not permitted on the Library property.
- Solicitation for immoral purposes
- Theft or damage of another person's property or the Library's property
- Using false identification or using fictitious name(s) or address(es)
- Vandalism of library property
- Patrons who engage in illegal behavior in the Library or on Library grounds will be subject to arrest, removal or banning.

Any patron not abiding by these rules or other rules and regulations of the library may be required by any staff member to leave the library building and grounds for the remainder of the day. Serious or continued violations will result in a suspension of library privileges by a department head or Library Director. Library employees may contact the Lynwood Police Department if deemed advisable.

Any person who violates these or other rules and regulations as set forth by the Board of Trustees, will, at the discretion of the Library Director or designated staff member be denied the privilege of access to the library district.

A patron whose privileges have been denied may request in writing that the decision be reviewed by the Board of Trustees at the next month board meeting.