

RULES OF BEHAVIOR

The Lake Odessa Community Library supports the right of all individuals to use the Library appropriately with the peace of all in mind. In order to maintain a clean, safe and comfortable environment for our patrons and employees the Board of Trustees has adopted the following rules. It is the duty of the Lake Odessa Community Library staff to see that these rules and responsibilities are properly enforced so that the Library can be appropriately used by all. Those who violate these rules and responsibilities will be subject to appropriate penalties.

- Solicitation without permission is prohibited on Library property.
- Library patrons may not molest or willfully annoy another person.
- No person shall engage in loud or boisterous conduct or create or engage in any disturbance, fight or quarrel that causes or tends to cause a breach of the peace on Library property.
- Coffee and food items are allowed in the library provided they are contained within a lidded beverage container and proper bags for baked goods.
- Smoking and other use of tobacco products is prohibited on Library property.
- Unless needed by persons with disabilities or to transport children, wheeled vehicles may not be brought into the Library building. Large strollers or wagons for multiple children are not allowed inside the building.
- Animals are not allowed within the Library building. Exceptions would be qualified, certified service animals or those brought in for a library sponsored program.
- No person shall loiter on Library property or remain on Library property after having been directed to leave by a Library employee.
- No person shall trespass on Library property. This includes being in the Library building or on Library property when it is not open to the public.
- No person shall damage, alter, deface, destroy, meddle with, tamper with, interfere with, disconnect or remove any Library property or any other property not his or her own.
- No person shall be in a state of intoxication on Library property. No person shall possess or consume any alcohol beverage on Library property except with the approval of the Library Board of Trustees.
- No person shall enter into or remain in the Library building unless properly attired including, but not limited to wearing a shirt that is properly buttoned and shoes.

- No person shall enter into or remain upon Library property when, because of inadequate personal hygiene they interfere with the use of the Library by others. No person shall sleep on Library property for more than 10 minutes.
- Parents or other adults accompanying minors on Library property are responsible for the behavior of the minor and for assuring that the minors comply with the Library Patron Rules of Behavior. Children younger than 10 years of age shall not be unsupervised by a parent or guardian at the library. If a minor is present at closing time with no guardian/parent or caregiver available; employees are instructed to call the police.
- No person shall use roller-skates, in-line skates or skateboards on Library property. Bicycles may not be brought into the Library.
- No person shall violate any local ordinance or state or federal law when on Library property. ***Any person violating any of these rules may be ordered to leave library property, be denied library privileges, or be banned from use of any library property. if conduct which violates these rules is also a violation of the law, prosecution may result.***

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