

## **DRAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY BEHAVIOR POLICY**

Drake Community Library is for the use of all members of the public. Patrons shall respect the rights of other patrons and staff members and use the Library for its intended purposes.

The Library director and other staff members to whom s/he delegates this authority shall have the responsibility for determining when behavior is in violation of this Behavior Policy and for enforcing the policy within the Library.

Any behavior that is disruptive, hinders the use of the library, or endangers public safety is prohibited on Library property. This includes, but is not limited to:

- using sports equipment, including bicycles, skateboards, or any other wheeled device with the exception of motorized ADA devices, wheelchairs, walkers and strollers
- loud or boisterous behavior that is disturbing to staff or patrons, including the use of abusive language
- running, fighting, or physically oriented play
- use of library seating or furniture that is inconsistent with its intended use or design
- violation of local, state, or federal laws within the Library
- vandalism or inappropriate use of library materials or property
- theft of library materials or the personal property of other patrons or staff members
- disruption of library procedures
- use of the Library for inappropriate purposes: e.g. sleeping, or loitering. In this document loitering is defined as: congregating in groups while engaged in non-library-related activities that hinder other patrons' use of the library. Acceptable library-related activities include, but are not necessarily limited to: reading, studying, browsing collections, using internet stations, engaging in quiet conversation, and attending library programs or using public meeting rooms.
- use of group study rooms for loitering (see definition above)
- eating or drinking in areas not designated for these activities. Only covered drinks are allowed in the library. Food may be present at scheduled meetings in the Community Room.
- inappropriate dress, e.g. lack of shirt or shoes.
- other kinds of behavior deemed inappropriate by the Library Director or delegated staff member

**Violations of this policy may result in the loss of library privileges.**

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