

## **DRAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY BEHAVIOR POLICY**

Drake Community Library is for the use of all members of the public. Library users shall respect the rights of other library users 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:

- Violation of any local, state, or federal law as it pertains to the public library.
  - Smoking in the library or on library grounds<sup>1</sup>
  - Vandalism or deliberate destruction of library materials, equipment, facility, furniture, or grounds
  - Theft of library materials or the personal property of other persons
  - Accessing Internet sites prohibited by law
  - Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages, or use or possession of controlled substances, or being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances on library grounds
- Use of smokeless electronic cigarettes
- Behavior that is willfully annoying, harassing, or threatening to another person
- 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 persons' use of the library
- Loud or boisterous behavior that is disturbing to other persons, including the use of abusive language
- Running, fighting, or physically oriented play
- Inappropriate dress such as lack of shirt or shoes
- Willfully exposing other persons to offensive images or language
- Remaining in the Library without authorization after regular closing hours

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<sup>1</sup> See [www.Iowasmokefreeair.gov](http://www.Iowasmokefreeair.gov)

- Use of the Library site or parking lot for inappropriate purposes, such as rollerblading, skateboarding, loitering, etc.
- Solicitation of funds or panhandling
- Use of library seating or furniture that is inconsistent with its intended use or design
- Use of sports equipment in the Library such as skateboards and/or rollerblades
- Eating or drinking in areas not designated for these activities. Only covered drinks are allowed in the library. Food may be present at meetings in the Caulkins Community Room and at Library sponsored events in other library meeting rooms.
- Possession of any firearm, knife, or device that could be used as a weapon
- 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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