

Code of Conduct Policy

Fond du Lac Public Library

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The Board of Trustees believes that patrons have the right to use Library materials and services without being disturbed or impeded by other Library patrons; that patrons and staff have the right to a secure and comfortable environment; and that staff and patrons have the right to materials and facilities that are in good condition.

Code of Conduct for Library Patrons

1. Any behavior that is disruptive or hinders the use of the Library or endangers public safety or public health is prohibited on Library property. This includes but is not limited to: loud or boisterous behavior; verbal, physical, or sexual harassment; intoxication or impairment that results in disruptive or unsafe conduct, including conduct commonly described as drunkenness; running; fighting; and strong odors.
2. Smoking, electronic cigarette devices, and use of tobacco is not permitted on Library grounds.
3. Eating and drinking is limited to light snacks, small food items, and lidded drinks that can be consumed neatly. Open plates, to-go boxes, and full meals are not permitted on Library property outside of Library programs and pre-approved community room bookings.
4. Sleeping and bathing are not permitted anywhere on Library property.
5. Clothing and shoes must be worn in the Library.
6. Animals are not allowed to be left unattended on Library property and are prohibited from entering any Library facility, except for service animals assisting individuals with disabilities. Emotional support animals are prohibited.
7. Selling products or services and/or soliciting donations are not permitted on Library property except as authorized by the Library Director or their designee.
8. Parents or legal guardians are responsible for the behavior of their children while their children are on library property. Children under the age of eight must be attended by a parent or other responsible caregiver age fourteen or above at all times while on Library property. Supervision is defined as within sight of the child.

9. The Library is not responsible for personal belongings.
10. Bags or other personal belongings should fit within the table and chair space normally allotted to one person.
11. The violation of federal or state laws or local ordinances is not permitted on Library property. Theft, vandalism, or mutilation of Library material or property, are criminal offenses that shall be prosecuted. In this regard, the Library reserves the right to inspect any and all Library patrons' personal belongings, including, but not limited to, bags, purses, briefcases, and backpacks.

Persons who refuse to comply with the Code of Conduct or instructions from Library staff may lose their Library privileges. The Library reserves the right to remove any person whose behavior is disruptive, is inappropriate for a Library environment, or interferes with the use of the Library by others.

A patron who wishes to appeal a suspension may inquire about the appeal process by making a written request to the Library within 10 calendar days of the effective date of the suspension. Inquiries can be emailed to director@fdlpl.org or mailed to the Library.