

Wilmette Public Library RULES OF BEHAVIOR

The Library Board of Trustees' goal is to provide a quiet, pleasant environment conducive to study as well as casual use. For this goal to be realized, it is essential that patrons refrain from all conduct that materially disrupts the use of Library facilities, collections or services or is otherwise defined as unacceptable behavior in the library. Patrons observing disruptive behavior are encouraged to report such behavior immediately to staff so appropriate measures can be taken to address it. **The list below gives examples of some, but not all, unacceptable behaviors:**

- I. Engaging in loud conversation or rowdy behavior.
- II. Using a cellular phone in a manner disturbing to others.
- III. Playing audio equipment so that others can hear it.
- IV. Consuming food or beverages, except in those areas of the library where and when food or beverages are expressly allowed.
- V. Smoking in the library.
- VI. Loitering at entrances, and/or in walkways, restrooms, the parking lot and other non-study areas.
- VII. Prolonged or chronic sleeping.
- VIII. Using offensive, threatening, harassing or abusive language.
- IX. Following staff or patrons around the building, or staring at staff or patrons such that performance of their duties or use of library services is materially disrupted.
- X. Tampering with, altering, editing or damaging computer hardware and/or software.
- XI. Damaging, defacing or misusing library materials, equipment or facilities.
- XII. Circumventing or attempting to circumvent the library security system.
- XIII. Relocating library furniture or equipment without the permission of library staff.
- XIV. Conducting surveys, distributing leaflets, or circulating petitions inside the library building; impeding entry to or exit from the library by other patrons; posting notices without prior staff approval.
- XV. Panhandling.
- XVI. Shaving, bathing, shampooing or laundering clothes.
- XVII. Exhibiting personal hygiene that materially disrupts others from using library facilities, collections or services.
- XVIII. Possessing or using alcohol or controlled substances.

- XIX. Fighting with or abusing library patrons or staff.
- XX. Using the parking lot for purposes unrelated to visiting the library and using its services.
- XXI. Use of roller blades, skate boards or ice skates in the building.
- XXII. Entering the library without a shirt or without shoes.