

Drake Community Library Behavior Policy

Drake Community Library is open to all members of the public. Library users are expected to respect the rights of others and to use the library for its intended purposes.

The Library Director and designated staff have the responsibility and authority to determine when behavior violates this policy and to enforce it appropriately.

Any behavior that is disruptive, interferes with library use, or endanger public safety is prohibited on library property. Examples include, but are not limited to:

Illegal or Unsafe Activities

- Violation of any local, state, or federal law.
- Smoking or vaping, including electronic cigarettes, inside the library or on library grounds.
- Vandalism or deliberate damage to library materials, equipment, furniture, or facilities.
- Theft of library materials or personal property.
- Accessing internet sites prohibited by law.
- Possession, use, or consumption of alcohol or controlled substances, or being under the influence of such substances, on library grounds.
- Use of open flames or ignition of any flame, including matches, lighters, or candles, inside the library or on library grounds.

Disruptive or Inappropriate Conduct

- Harassment, threats, or abusive behavior toward others.
- Loud, boisterous, or disruptive behavior.
- Inappropriate language, including abusive, vulgar, or indecent speech.
- Inappropriate dress (shirts and shoes are required).
- Displaying or distributing obscene, offensive, or indecent images or language.
- Remaining in the library without authorization after closing.
- Soliciting, panhandling, or distributing unauthorized materials.
- Use of sports equipment (e.g., skateboards, rollerblades) inside the library.
- Eating or drinking in areas not designated for these activities. Only covered drinks are permitted throughout the library. Food is allowed only during meetings or library-

sponsored events in the Caulkins Community Room, Story Room, or other spaces designated by library staff.

Youth Spaces

- The children's collection may be browsed by all ages. The Children's Area, including its seating, equipment, and activities, is reserved for youth ages 0–17 and their parents or caregivers.
- The teen collection may be browsed by all ages. The Teen Area, including its seating, equipment, and activities, is reserved for youth ages 12–18.

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

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