

## **16. Blue Island Public Library Code of Behavior**

It is the policy of the Blue Island Public Library Board of Trustees that the library is for the use of all members of the community. In order to provide access to the materials and services of the Library, and to allow the staff to effectively perform their duties, the following requirements for use of the Library are made:

Generally, behavior which does not disturb or infringe on the rights of other users of the Library is permitted. Any behavior that hinders the use of the Library by others or is disturbing to other patrons or staff is not allowed. This includes any illegal behaviors and behaviors such as loud talking, running, excessive use of profanity, demonstrating known gang signs, fighting, drunkenness, staring.

**ANIMALS:** Only service animals and animals for Library-sponsored programs are allowed in the library.

**BICYCLES:** Bicycles should be parked in the rack outside the library.

**CLOSING TIME:** Patrons are requested to leave the library promptly at closing time.

**COMPUTER USE:** Patrons are to use the computers in accordance with all library policies. Failure to do so may result in loss of computer privileges.

**FOOD/BEVERAGE:** Eating is not allowed in the library. Beverages in covered containers may be consumed in the library unless areas are designated by staff. Alcoholic beverages are never allowed in the library.

**HARASSING BEHAVIOR:** Harassment of other patrons or of library staff is prohibited. Harassing behavior is deliberate and/or repeated behavior that is not welcome and creates a hostile environment. Some examples of harassment include constantly staring at or following another person, and using offensive and abusive language.

**LIBRARY PERSONNEL:** Interfering with library personnel's performance of his/her duties is not allowed.

**NOISE:** Loud talking or creation of other loud noise is not permitted. Use of electronic devices, CD players, etc. is permitted if the noises they emit are not audible to other patrons. Use of cell phones is permitted if the use is not loud.

**PERSONAL HYGIENE:** Patrons will be asked to leave if they are exhibiting extremely poor personal hygiene which is disturbing to others.

**SHIRT AND SHOES:** Adults are not allowed to display bare feet and/or chests in the library.

**SMOKING/CHEWING TOBACCO/DRUG PARAPHERNALIA:** Smoking and the use of tobacco products is not allowed anywhere in the building and is not allowed within 15 feet of the public entrance per Illinois State Law. Drug paraphernalia is not allowed on library property.

**SOLICITATION/PANHANDLING:** The Library does not allow individuals to solicit money, circulate petitions, or sell items on the premises.

**THEFT/DAMAGE TO PROPERTY:** Theft, vandalism, and mutilation of library property are criminal offenses and may be prosecuted. The Library reserves the right to inspect all bags, briefcases, backpacks, and other such items when the staff has reason to believe this rule has been violated. The Library is not responsible for personal belongings left unattended. Clipping coupons, cutting articles out of magazines, removing pages from books or magazines, hacking or altering computer settings, writing on, scratching or in any way damaging materials, furniture, or premises are included in this policy.

**UNATTENDED CHILDREN:** Children 9 years and younger must be accompanied and directly supervised by a parent or caregiver at all times. Children 10 years and older may use the library unattended, subject to other library rules and policies concerning appropriate behavior.

Failure to comply with these rules may result in the loss of Library use privileges.

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