Policy

Ilsley Public Library provides a safe, comfortable environment conducive to the use of library materials and facilities. The library is intended for the use of all members of the public. Patrons are expected to observe the rights of other patrons and staff members and to use the library for its intended purposes. The Rules of Conduct and procedures for enforcement (below) are in place to make sure everyone can have a safe, enjoyable library visit.

Library staff members are responsible for identifying incidents of misconduct and for policy enforcement. Patrons who observe misconduct should avoid confrontation and immediately notify library staff.

Rules of Conduct

To ensure that all those using the library may enjoy the library's services, we ask your cooperation in maintaining an environment conducive to reading. Attendance at library programs and events constitutes consent to be photographed for publicity purposes. Names of individuals will not be used in photo captions without permission.

These rules shall apply to all buildings, interior and exterior, and all grounds controlled and operated by the Ilsley Public Library and to all persons entering in or on the premises. We reserve the right to inspect all bags, backpacks and briefcases.

Immediate ejection and exclusion:

The following behavior will result in immediate ejection and exclusion from Ilsley Public Library without first being given a warning. Police will be notified and a Criminal Trespass Notification will be issued.

1. Committing or attempting to commit any activity that would constitute a violation of any federal, state or local criminal statute or ordinance.
2. Directing a specific threat of physical, sexual or any other harm against an individual, or group of individuals or property.
3. Engaging in sexual activities.
4. Possessing or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
5. Bringing weapons into the library.
6. Damaging or vandalizing library facilities, equipment or materials. Removing library materials without properly checking them out.
7. Harassing other library users or library staff, including verbal abuse.
One warning:

Any person who violates the following rules while in or on library property will be given up to one warning at the discretion of library staff; then the person will be asked to leave the premises for the day. Subsequent offenses by that person will result in that person’s immediate ejection and exclusion from all library premises.

8. Abandoning, neglecting or leaving young children unattended or otherwise violating the Library Environment Policy. Copies of this policy are available at the library.
9. Selling, soliciting or panhandling (approaching citizens with items for sale or pleas for donations).
10. Bringing bicycles into the library. Skateboards, in-line skates, etc must be carried at all times while in the building.
11. Blocking any entrance, exit, or aisle.
12. Improper use of restrooms.
13. Talking loudly, running, horseplay or engaging in other disruptive behavior.

Other infractions:

Any person who violates rules 14 through 19 while in or on library premises will be excluded from the premises until the problem is corrected.

14. Bringing in any animals, except service animals (see Animals in the Library policy).
15. Using cell phones or other electronic devices that may be audible to others.
16. Entering the library barefoot or without a shirt.
17. Disturbing others by making excessive noise.
18. Leaving backpacks, purses, bags and other large items unattended.
19. Sleeping.
20. Smoking.

Repeat Offenses:

Repeat offenders need not violate the same rule to be subject to stricter enforcement and may not be warned behavior is inappropriate before being excluded.

This policy has been developed in concert with the American Library Association Guidance Document “Guidelines for the Development of Policies and Procedures Regarding User Behavior and Library Usage.”

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