

LIBRARY CONDUCT

PATRON BEHAVIOR POLICY

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The Board of Trustees of the Warsaw Community Public Library reserves the right to eject from the Library and to refuse further admission to those individuals who may violate the rights of the staff or Library users, or who create disorder in the Library in any of the following situations:

1. Any situation in which the actions of a person present an imminent danger to the life or safety of others in the Library.
2. Any situation in which a person is in the possession, transferring, purchasing or selling any illegal or non-prescribed drug, including alcohol during library hours or on library property.
3. Any situation in which a person is observed in an attempt to steal Library property or property of another Library user, or to destroy or deface Library property.
4. Any situation in which a person willfully and purposefully disturbs the staff or other Library users or whose behavior is in any way disruptive to the legitimate use of Library facilities by others. Any situation in which a person's behavior is inappropriate to the use of the Library building and property for the purpose for which it is legally constituted.

Inappropriate/harmful behavior may include but is not limited to:

- a. Leaving children under age nine unattended
- b. Disruptive behavior, horseplay or potentially causing damage to library property and/or people
- c. Giving unwanted attention to another (i.e. staring, following, etc.)
- d. Public intoxication and/or lewdness
- e. Assault/Fighting
- f. Soliciting/Surveying/Trespassing
- g. Using obscene language
- h. Smoking within 30' of exterior doors/ramps
- i. Entering with no shoes, pants and/or shirt

Those persons who violate these rules may be asked to leave the Library, or, when appropriate, may be subject to arrest.

AUTOMOBILES:

Automobiles may not be parked on library property when the driver is not using the library. Automobiles parked illegally may be towed at owner's expense.

Repeated violators and/or those who refuse to leave will be subject to arrest and prosecution under 35-43-2-2 or the Indiana Code entitled "Criminal Trespass".