

LIBRARY RULES

The Library Board of Trustees of Lincoln City Libraries has adopted the following rules in order to set a standard of acceptable behavior conducive to maintaining an appropriate public library atmosphere.

1. Customers shall respect the rights of other persons and shall not behave in any manner which can reasonably be expected to disturb other persons. Customers shall not interfere with the use of the library by other customers, nor interfere with staff's performance of their duties. Examples of prohibited behavior include but are not limited to: noisy or boisterous activities, staring at another person, following another person about the building, singing/talking loudly to others or in monologues, and loitering in library buildings, entrances and parking lots.
2. Noise levels shall be kept to normal conversational levels. Audio equipment shall not be audible to other persons.
3. Children under the age of 6 must be supervised by a person age 13 or older.
4. Sleeping is prohibited in premises.
5. Weapons are prohibited.
6. Use of tobacco, electronic smoking devices, alcohol, or drugs is prohibited, as is drunkenness or any form of drug abuse.
7. Persons 6 years of age and older must wear shirts and shoes in the library.
8. Animals are prohibited in library buildings except service animals and animals in library sponsored programs.
9. Persons whose bodily hygiene or odor is so offensive, or whose body or belongings are infested with insects, including but not limited to bed bugs or cockroaches, as to constitute a nuisance to other persons and/or library staff, shall be required to leave the building.
10. The following are deemed unacceptable uses of the Library's computers and Internet access:
 - A. Usage of the computer and/or Internet so as to violate the law.
 - B. Usage of the computer and/or Internet for viewing, transmitting or downloading obscenity ("obscenity" is used here in its legal definition of materials considered outside the bounds of constitutionally protected speech, including child pornography), or materials that encourage others to violate the law.
 - C. Usage of the computer and/or Internet so as to cause harm to others or damage the property of others.
 - D. Usage of the computer and/or Internet so as to jeopardize the security of access of the computer network or other networks on the Internet or elsewhere.
 - E. Usage of the computer and/or Internet so as to compromise the safety and security of others.
 - F. Usage of the computer and/or Internet so as to provide access by a minor to material that is inappropriate for a minor.
 - G. Connecting any device that needs recharging or that is capable of running an application (including, but not limited to, phones and tablet computers) to a Library computer.
11. Selling, solicitation, signature gathering and leafleting are prohibited in library buildings or any exterior areas that would in any way obstruct, interfere, and/or prevent access to entrances and/or exits of a library building.

Any customer not abiding by these or other rules and regulations of the library shall be asked to leave the premises. Conduct which constitutes a violation of these rules or the criminal laws of the State of Nebraska or City of Lincoln may result in suspension or banning of the customer from the premises. (See Behavior Policy: Inappropriate and/or Illegal Conduct for definitions and information regarding suspension, banning and appeal procedure.)

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