



Code of Conduct Policy

The Fergus Falls Public Library welcomes its users and encourages the use of library materials. FFPL desires to protect the rights and safety of library users and staff. It also seeks to maintain an atmosphere that, in accordance with its mission statement, will promote and support lifelong learning. Therefore, the Fergus Falls Public Library has adopted the following Code of Conduct policies and procedures.

Possession, use or consumption of alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs is prohibited at all times in FFPL facilities and grounds.

Use of tobacco products is not allowed within the library or where “no smoking” signs are posted outside of the building.

Eating is allowed in designated areas of the library only. Beverages with lids are allowed inside the library.

Solicitation is not allowed in the library or on the library grounds.

Young children must, at all times, be accompanied and supervised by an adult. FFPL staff is not responsible for the care, safety, or supervision of children.

The library cannot assume parental or guardian responsibilities or oversight for vulnerable adults while in the library. A parent, foster parent, legal guardian or caregiver is responsible for monitoring the activities and managing the behavior of vulnerable adults during their library visit.

Careful use of library materials is required. Library furniture and other equipment must be used in the designated places. Damage to library property is prohibited under Minnesota Statute § 609.541.

Only Seeing Eye dogs and other service animals are allowed in the library.

Abusive or harassing language or behavior is a nuisance and is not permitted.

Running, roller-skating, skateboarding, rollerblading or similar inappropriate activities in the library or on the grounds is not permitted and could constitute a nuisance.

The public is not permitted behind the public service desks or in other non-public areas.

Causing a nuisance as defined in Minnesota Statute § 561.01 is prohibited. A nuisance is anything that is:

- Harmful to the health of a person, or
- Offensive to the senses of a person, or
- An obstruction to the free and unrestricted use and enjoyment of the library property by other persons. This includes loud talking and/or disruptive noise.

Violation of the above policies may result in a warning, a request to leave the premises, an escort out of the library, and notification of the police. Persons causing a nuisance may have their privileges to use all FFPL facilities and grounds immediately revoked. Repeat offenders or persons ordered from the premises who do not comply may be subject to arrest and prosecution for trespassing. The FFPL seeks to both protect the rights of individual customers to use the libraries as well as the rights of all patrons to safe and positive access to library materials and buildings.

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