

Ripon Public Library

Public Behavior Policy

This policy on public behavior has been created and adopted by the Ripon Public Library Board of Trustees in an effort to ensure a safe, orderly and comfortable environment in which all library patrons can use the library's resources most effectively.

The following rules are posted for the comfort and protection of all library users and staff. Violations of the rules may result in loss of library privileges. "The library board may exclude from use of the public library all persons who willfully violate such regulations." (Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 43.52 (2)) In addition, violators may face legal action, including possible charges of violation of municipal or state ordinances.

The following behaviors are not allowed:

1. Any illegal activity, including stealing, damaging or altering any library property.
2. Attempting to remove from the library any library books, magazines, videos, CDs or other materials that have not been properly checked out.
3. Failure to stop and cooperate with library staff when the library's security system alarms sounds.
4. Disruption of public use of the library. This includes, but is not limited to, loud or boisterous behavior, verbal or physical harassment, drunkenness, running and fighting.
5. Smoking or chewing tobacco or vaping. This includes the use of tobacco products or electronic cigarettes anywhere on library property.
6. Selling products or services or soliciting donations (except as part of a library-sponsored program).
7. Consumption of alcoholic beverages.
8. Loitering in the building or on library property.
9. Eating and drinking while using a library computer.
10. Littering in the building and on library grounds.
11. Relocating library furniture without permission.
12. Failure to wear proper attire or footwear (e.g. shoes or sandals).
13. Bringing bicycles or scooters into the library. (Bicycles and scooters must be parked in the bike rack or along the side of the building so as to not interfere with access to the building or parking lot.)
14. Skateboarding, roller skating or riding scooters on library walkways or the parking lot, except to travel to or from the library. (Roller skates, in-line skates and wheelies may not be used in the library.)
15. Bringing animals, other than handicapped aid animals, into the library.
16. Possession of firearms or other weapons.
17. Threatening or harassing other library patrons or staff.