

PATRON CONDUCT POLICY

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The Genoa Public Library District is dedicated to providing access to knowledge and information through reading, writing, and quiet contemplation, providing patrons the right to use materials and services without being disturbed or impeded, and providing patrons and employees a secure and comfortable environment. The Public Library Act (75 ILCS 16/30-55.55) provides the Board of Library Trustees with the general power to carry out the spirit and intent of the Act in establishing and maintaining the library and providing library services and the specific power to “exclude from the use of the library any person who willfully violates an ordinance or regulation prescribed.”

Enforcement of these rules will be conducted in a fair and reasonable manner. Library staff and/or Genoa Police Officers will intervene to stop prohibited activities and behaviors. Failure to comply with the Library’s established rules, regulations, and policies could result in removal from the premises and exclusion from the Library for a period of one day to one year, or in arrest or prosecution. Violations could also result in the restriction and/or termination of Library privileges, including the use of Library computers and other equipment. Individual patrons have the right to request an administrative review of an exclusion order that is for a period greater than seven days.

For the comfort and safety of patrons and staff, and the protection of Library property, the following actions are examples of conduct not allowed on Library property:

- Neglecting to provide proper supervision of children.
- Consuming food or non-covered beverages in public areas of the Library.
- Smoking, chewing, and other tobacco use on Library property.
- Demonstrating disruptive behavior including yelling, banging on computer keyboards, fighting or challenging to fight, running, pushing, shoving, or throwing things.
- Using threatening, intimidating, or abusive language towards other patrons and/or library staff.
- Entering or being in the Library barefoot, without a shirt, or being otherwise attired so as to be disruptive to the Library environment.
- Interfere with use of the Library by other patrons or interfere with staff members’ performance of their duties.
- Being under the influence of alcohol/illegal drugs, and selling, using, or possessing alcohol/illegal drugs.
- Trespassing on areas designated for staff only and being in the Library without permission of an authorized Library employee before or after Library operating hours.
- Soliciting or conducting surveys not authorized by the Library.
- Wearing roller blades, roller skates, or “wheelie” type shoes within the Library.
- Demonstrating overt sexual behavior.
- Annoying or harassing other patrons and/or library staff including sexual harassment.
- Littering.
- Engaging in any activity in violation of Federal, State, local or other applicable law, or Library policy.