

## **A901b Public Code of Behavior**

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The purpose of the library's Public Code of Behavior is to:

- protect the rights of individuals using library services.
- assist staff members in conducting library business effectively.
- preserve library materials and facilities.

The Library Board established these and other rules so everyone can share the library and its resources in a clean, safe and welcoming environment. It is based on Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 43.52 (2). Activities that would be a violation of any federal, state or local criminal statute or ordinance are prohibited.

Acceptable library behavior falls into three categories:

### **RESPECT YOURSELF**

- Behavior, dress and personal hygiene must be appropriate for a public place of business.

### **RESPECT OTHERS**

- Behavior that restricts library use by other customers is not acceptable.
- Behavior that interferes with the duties of library staff is not acceptable.
- Weapons are **NOT ALLOWED** in the library, except those carried by sworn Wisconsin or Federal law enforcement officers.

### **RESPECT THE SPACE**

- Customers must treat library materials, furniture and equipment with care and use them as intended.
- Customers may not enter non-public work areas unless escorted by library staff.
- Theft, attempted theft or damage of materials, furnishings, equipment or premises will be prosecuted according to Wisconsin Statute 943 (#A208).

As a consequence for violating code, library staff may:

- require violators to leave the premises.
- call the police.
- recommend the director bar a patron from the library.

Customers should notify library staff with questions or concerns regarding violations of this code.

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