

## **RAY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY PATRON BEHAVIOR POLICY**

Ray Township Public Library does not permit behavior which is incompatible with the use of the Library by its patrons or staff. The following actions are prohibited on Library property:

- 1) Soliciting library patrons or staff for services, money or items unless approved by the Library Director.
- 2) Passing petitions to library patrons, conducting unauthorized surveys, distributing pamphlets or other materials directly to library patrons or staff without approval by the Library Director.
- 3) Smoking or other uses of tobacco.
- 4) Possessing or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- 5) Entering without wearing shoes or shirt.
- 6) Sleeping
- 7) Bringing animals into the building other than service animals.
- 8) Creating loud or disruptive noises by persons or electronic devices. Cell phones must be on vibrate or turned off.
- 9) Engaging in loud behavior that is disruptive to Library use or using obscene or abusive acts and/or language.
- 10) Knowingly and purposely destroy, damage, or remove any property that does not belong to him/her.
- 11) Removing library materials from the premises without authorization through established lending procedures.
- 12) Misusing restrooms
- 13) Leaving any child under the age of 10 years unsupervised in the Library or leaving any child or young adult under age 16 at the Library after closing time. Police will be called.
- 14) Bringing weapons, simulated or real, into any library facility
- 15) Fighting or other rowdy behavior

Persons who violate these rules are subject to having Library privileges withheld on a continuous basis. The Ray Township Public Library staff is obligated to enforce these rules so that its facilities can be fully utilized by all patrons. The patron may appeal the decision to the Board of Trustees. The Library Director or, if appealed, the Board of Trustees will determine the time period for which a patron is excluded from the library.

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