

## **RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY BEHAVIOR**

The River Rouge Public Library encourages people of all ages to visit the library. Those using the library and its resources have the right to expect a safe, comfortable environment that supports appropriate library services. The library staff will courteously, but firmly enforce this policy in accordance with all State and local laws.

Inappropriate and unacceptable behavior is deemed as any activity that interferes with the rights of other patrons to use the library, any behavior that could result in physical or emotional damage to the library user or behavior that could result in damage to the library facility, equipment or materials. The library staff reserves the right to expel anyone found to be in violation of this policy. In addition, library privileges may be revoked for a specific period of time. Violations of this policy may result in notification of the police.

Disruptive behavior includes, but is not limited to, noisy, boisterous actions; inappropriate behavior, including eating, smoking, running, or loud talking; misuse of library property; uncooperative attitude; or actions that deliberately annoy others or prevent the legitimate use of the library and its resources. Abusive, foul, or profane language will not be tolerated.

Alcohol, illegal drugs and weapons are not permitted anywhere on Library property. Shirts and shoes must be worn in the library. Animals are not allowed in the library, except for guide dogs or for designated programs. All sports equipment including bikes and roller blades must be left outside the building where it will not obstruct access of patrons or cause a hazard. Harassment, molestation, sexual activity, voyeurism will be immediately reported to the Police Department.

Personal items, such as CD players may be used if the noise level is low and does not interfere with others. Portable phones and pagers should be turned off or switched to a non-audible signal and should be answered outside the library.

Children are not safe when left unattended in the library. Unattended children frequently become disruptive when they become bored. Parents are responsible for ensuring the appropriate behavior of their children while in the library. Library staff may require a parent or guardian to be present with his/her child. See Unattended Children Policy for additional information.

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