

## **RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC LIBRARY CODE OF ETHICS**

The River Rouge Public Library endorses the American Library Association Code of Ethics and expects that all staff will strive to maintain the highest levels of personal and professional integrity.

Public employees are held to a high standard of ethical behavior. No staff member may accept or solicit any gift or service that is offered to influence the employee's action or seek special privileges or favors, or is given to reward the employee for doing his or her job. Token items, such as food or flowers, may be accepted and shared with other staff. Items of value must be refused or returned to the giver. In exceptional cases where the item cannot be returned, the library director will donate the item to an appropriate local charity.

Staff is also prohibited from using their position for private gain and from transacting library business with any entity in which they have a financial interest.

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