

River Forest Public Library Patron Code of Conduct

RFPL endeavors to provide patrons with a safe, secure, and comfortable environment in which to use materials and services. All patrons are expected to abide by RFPL policies and to respect the rights of others in order to create an environment conducive to equitable and enjoyable use of RFPL and its grounds. This includes, but is not limited to adherence to the following rules of conduct:

1. Conversations and behaviors must not disturb, obstruct, threaten, harass, or solicit fellow patrons or staff.
2. Furnishings, materials, and equipment should be used for their intended function and in a manner that does not damage them or interfere with patron or staff usage of RFPL.
3. The consumption or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs on RFPL property is prohibited. People exhibiting signs of intoxication or substance abuse will be asked to leave. Alcohol may be served at RFPL at a pre-approved special event.
4. Prolonged or habitual sleeping is not allowed on RFPL property.
5. Bathing, grooming, laundering, and improper use of the restrooms is not allowed.
6. Photographing or recording on RFPL property is not allowed without permission.
7. Drinks with lids are allowed at RFPL. Eating food is not allowed unless it is served at designated programs.
8. Personal belongings must be attended to at all times. Responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged items rests with the owner.
9. Patrons are required to dress appropriately and shoes must be worn at all times.
10. Only authorized service animals and animals used for programs are allowed in the building. Animals may not be left unattended on RFPL property.
11. Weapons are prohibited on RFPL property unless they are in the possession of a sworn law enforcement officer.
12. Children age 7 and younger must be accompanied by a caregiver age 12 or older.
(See Child Safety Policy)

Patrons who violate the Code of Conduct and/or fail to follow a reasonable directive from an RFPL employee will be asked to leave RFPL. The Board authorizes RFPL management to establish and implement additional procedures to address and enforce issues of patron conduct.