

## POLICY RESOLUTION

PR-VIII-09

of the Board of Library Trustees of the Glenside Public Library District adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009; a resolution pertaining to **USE OF LIBRARY FACILITIES**.

The Library is a place dedicated to quiet contemplation and other learning. We want the Library to be a comfortable, safe and welcoming environment for all our patrons. The Library's goal is to aid in the acquisition of knowledge through reading, writing and participation in library programs. To achieve that goal the library must protect the rights of individuals who are in the Library to use library materials and/or services, protect the rights of staff members to conduct library business without disruption and preserve and protect library materials and facilities. Therefore, the following rules of behavior have been established to create a quiet atmosphere in which this stated goal might be met.

Quiet, non-disruptive behavior is expected from all library patrons. Behavior which interferes with the peaceful and orderly management of the library may result in expulsion and/or execution of a trespass warrant from the library. Such behavior would include, but is not limited to:

- 1) use of Library for purposes other than those which meet its goal;
- 2) loud use of individually-owned or library-supplied audio equipment;
- 3) use of wheeled vehicles or wheeled footwear inside the Library except where such use is to afford access to the Library to persons with disabilities;
- 4) physical, sexual or verbal abuse or attempts to intimidate or annoy other patrons or staff members;
- 5) intoxication; unauthorized use of alcoholic beverages in the building;
- 6) bringing any animal into the building except one assisting a person with disabilities;
- 7) lighting matches, lighters or other flammables inside the building;
- 8) entering areas designated for use only by library staff without permission;
- 9) sounding the fire alarm without cause;
- 10) failing to leave the building upon request at closing time, during an emergency or after causing a disruption;
- 11) entering without shirt or shoes;
- 12) exhibiting offensive bodily hygiene;
- 13) smoking in any portion of the building owned, operated, or leased by the Library District for public use, including private offices and washrooms.
- 14) using the Internet for purposes prohibited by law.
- 15) using the pay telephone for more than 10 minutes when others are waiting.
- 16) parking bicycles outside of bicycle racks or in a manner that blocks access to the entrance to the Library.

**Parents/Guardians are responsible for the behavior of their children on Library grounds and**

**In The Library building.**

The Library may deny parents, guardians and/or children library privileges for violations of the following rules:

- a) Children (under age 6) may not be left in the Library without their designated caregiver in close proximity of the child. The Library is not a child care center and Library staff does not provide such supervision except during the time Library sponsored programs are in progress.
- b) Children must be picked up promptly at closing time. Parents will be called. If no one can be reached, the police will transport any children 12 years of age or younger to the Police Station where the parent/guardian may pick up the child.

**PROHIBITED ON LIBRARY PROPERTY**

- 1. Disruptive or disorderly behavior;
- 2. Harassment of library users and library personnel;
- 3. Abusive or threatening language;
- 4. Loitering;
- 5. Gang and gang-like activity will not be tolerated;
- 6. Displaying or carrying implements that are commonly considered to be usable as weapons;
- 7. Solicitation by individuals or groups except as permitted by library policy.

PATRONS WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATE THESE RULES SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM USE OF THE FACILITIES FOR SPECIFIED PERIODS OF TIME BASED ON THE SEVERITY OF THE WILLFUL VIOLATION AS DETERMINED BY THE TEAM ADMINISTRATOR(S). ANY EXPULSION MAY BE APPEALED TO THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES BY SEEKING A HEARING TO BE SCHEDULED AT ITS NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.

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President

ATTEST:

August 20, 2009 Adopted

RELATED POLICY: Behavior in the Library, PR-XIX-08, adopted 9/18/08

SUPERSEDES: PR-XI-06, Use of Library Facilities, adopted August 24, 2006