



Administration

414.302.8501

Circulation

414.302.8503

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414.302.8500

Children's

414.302.8502

2/26/2025

Javonte Lewis
(No address)

Dear Javonte Lewis,

On February 13, 2025, at approximately 3:30pm the library received a phone complaint from a woman patron who stated she was verbally harassed by two individuals near the entrance inside the building, and that you followed her as she exited and watched as she entered her car. Surveillance footage verifies this event. When library staff approached you and asked you to leave for the day you responded saying, "go away." When the librarian indicated she would call police you stated, "good, that means you will walk away." Police were called, but you and the man you were with left before they arrived.

This is the latest in a series of disrespectful action towards library staff and harassment towards library visitors. Your behavior violates the Library Code of Conduct. This includes the following:

- 2/4/2025 at 5:00pm you were speaking loudly on a cell phone and using inappropriate language. When library staff approached you and asked you to take the call outside you flipped her off and continued talking.
- 2/4/2025 at 5:25pm a library supervisor woke you and asked you to leave for the day as you appeared highly intoxicated/high. You refused to leave and became argumentative. The supervisor called police, and an officer escorted you out at around 6:00pm.
- 2/4/2025 at 6:30pm the same library supervisor noticed you had returned, and you were snoring at a study table. She was able to wake you and reminded you that you need to leave for the day. You argued again with the supervisor and again refused to leave. Police again were called and escorted you out of the building.
- 3/19/2024 at approximately 5:20pm two women and a man reported that you and another man (since banned) were harassing them. One of the women reported that you knocked on the window of her car and verbally accosted her. When a library supervisor approached you and told you to leave for the day you argued with her, told her to turn off her phone, and touched the supervisor. She told you not to touch her and you finally left after being told police were on the way.
- 3/5/2024 at approximately 6:45pm a patron complained that you and another patron (since banned) were harassing people in front of the building while waiting for Street Angels to arrive. A library supervisor asked you to leave, but you refused and told the supervisor to leave. You finally left before police arrived.
- 2/26/2024 at around 8:15pm you approached a female patron and asked her questions regarding her sexuality. She asked you to leave her alone, and staff asked you to leave after you began to eat spaghetti inside the library.



The West Allis Public Library prides itself on being a family-oriented, safe environment for all who visit. Your behavior demonstrates a pattern of disrespect and noncompliance with the Library Code of Conduct

At its February 26, 2025, meeting, the West Allis Public Library Board of Trustees voted unanimously to impose a ban on you from being present on any part of the West Allis Public Library.

As a result of your serious violations, your library privileges cease, and you are immediately banned from the West Allis Public Library. Effective immediately, **you may not be present in the building or on any part of the library grounds including the parking lot or building entrances. If you ignore or violate this order, police will be called, and you will be charged appropriately.**

You have the following appeal options:

1. A thirty-day period (from the date of this letter) in which to request an administrative review of the decision
2. If such a request is made the Library Board will do so within 30 days. The decision of the Library Board is final

If you choose to appeal the decision, please mail your request to:

Michael Koszalka, Library Director
West Allis Public Library
7421 W. National Avenue
West Allis, WI 53214

You may also email your request to me at mkoszalka@westalliswi.gov

After February 26, 2026, you may make an appeal for reinstatement – in writing - to the West Allis Public Library Board of Trustees to reconsider your status.

Your library privileges are revoked at the West Allis Public Library, and you are hereby ordered not to enter the West Allis Public Library, or to be present on library property. If you attempt to do so the West Allis Police Department will be immediately contacted, and appropriate charges will be considered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Koszalka", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael Koszalka, Library Director

cc: West Allis Public Library Board of Trustees
West Allis Police Department