

LIBRARY CODE OF CONDUCT

Library Mission Statement

The West Allis Public Library is committed to providing the members of its community with access to materials and services that can actively support lifelong learning and enrich their personal and professional lives.

In order to carry out these goals, the West Allis Public Library attempts to present an environment that promotes reading, study, and the legitimate use of materials and services. Any person is welcome in the library so long as they respect the rights of other persons also on the premises, and provided that their conduct in the library is lawful, not dangerous, does not create unhygienic conditions, and is not disruptive. Patrons are required to observe the following rules when visiting the library or library property.* Failure to comply with these rules of behavior may result in patrons being asked to leave the library property, the loss of their library privileges, or library staff calling the police.

1. Respect the rights of fellow patrons and library staff:

- Public intoxication is prohibited.
- Electronic equipment/media devices may be used in the library as long as the volume is kept low enough so that other patrons do not hear it.
- **Patrons using their own Internet connectable devices are subject to and must also comply with the library's Public Access Internet Policy, as applicable (e.g., Misuse of Computer Equipment and Internet Access, Copyright Considerations, etc.).**
- Voices of library patrons should be kept low.
- Polite cell phone use is permitted in the library. A patron speaking loudly on a cell phone or disrupting other library visitors will be asked to use his/her cell phone in the library atrium.
- Soliciting goods or services on library property is not allowed.
- Disruptive behavior, including but not limited to fighting, running, throwing objects, and loud conversations, is prohibited.
- Cursing, verbal abuse, or other use of foul language and/or gestures that cause or tend to create a disturbance will not be tolerated.
- Children under nine years of age must be accompanied and adequately supervised by a responsible adult or babysitter at all times.
Please note: To ensure the safety of young children, the West Allis Police Department will be notified in the event parents or caregivers of these young children cannot be located in the library
- Restrooms located in the Children's Department are for use only by children and their caregivers
- Service dogs are the only animals allowed to enter the library. If a pet is left unattended on library property, the West Allis Police Department will be notified. This includes dogs or other animals that may be tied up outside the library or left in a car without proper ventilation.