SMOKING AND TOBACCO USE POLICY

PURPOSE

Patrons of the library have the right to use materials and services without being unduly disturbed or impeded by other users. While patrons and staff have the right to a secure and congenial environment, smoking and second-hand smoke pose a health risk and create an unpleasant environment for non-smokers.

POLICY

1. Smoking, rolling cigarettes, using e-cigarettes ("vaping"), or chewing tobacco is not permitted in the library.

2. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on library property or the library block per Appleton Municipal Code Sec. 7-100(d).~~Smoking is not permitted anywhere on library property.~~

3. Staff who observe individuals violating the policy should inform them of the ordinance and request their compliance. If the individual refuses to comply, staff may ask them to leave library property until they adhere to the policy. In cases of continued non-compliance, staff may contact law enforcement to address the issue. Repeat or egregious violations may result in restrictions on the individual's access to the library as a last resort.~~Staff who observe persons in violation should see that they are informed of the policy and ask them to comply. In case of non-compliance, staff may ask patrons to leave library property until they comply or summon the police to cite violators for trespassing if necessary. Repeat or flagrant offenders may forfeit library use privileges.~~

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