

LIBRARY PATRON CONDUCT POLICY

We ask that all library users please observe the following:

- Be courteous and respectful to library staff and others using the library.
- Respect all library users' privacy and their right to use the library.
- Proper attire (shirts and shoes) are required by all library users.
- The library is a vape-free, tobacco-free, alcohol-free, and drug-free environment. Using, possessing, selling or appearing under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs is not permitted and will result in removal and possible criminal charges.
- Silence cell phones, walk throughout the library, speak at a reasonable volume, and use appropriate language.
- Children must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult at all times.
- Library materials and furnishings shall be treated with care and used for their intended purpose.
- Covered beverages are permitted in the library; however, food is prohibited.
- Service animals are welcome in the library. Their handler needs to be responsible for control of the service animal.
- Mobility aids (wheelchairs, walkers) and strollers for children are permitted in the library. Other devices (skateboards, bicycles, etc) should be secured outside.
- Proper hygiene is required of all library users. Personal body odors must not be so offensive that they disturb others.
- Physical and/or verbal abuse of library staff or patrons will be cause for removal of the offending party from the library.
- Have care and concern for others and yourself and do not visit the library when you are ill.
- In the event of a health emergency, health and safety recommendations will be posted for library staff and patrons to follow.
- Local, state, and federal laws are to be followed in and on the library premises.

Failure to follow these policies may result in expulsion, revocation of library privileges, and/or notification of a parent. The library has the authority to adopt and enforce whatever rules and regulations are deemed necessary to maintain an accessible library atmosphere.

The above regulations have the approval of the library board and are enforceable by law under the Pennsylvania Library Code. These rules are reviewed and reaffirmed annually by the Emmaus Public Library Board of Directors.

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