

PUBLIC CONDUCT POLICY

Individuals are expected to act in an appropriate manner when using the library. Individuals using the library shall engage in reading, studying, using library materials or any other activity normally associated with the use of a public library. Individuals not engaged in any of these activities will be asked to leave the premises. Use of specific library facilities may be limited at busy times.

Employees, library users, and vendors are prohibited from bringing any type of weapon, explosive, or destructive material onto Library property. Only law enforcement officers are permitted to bring firearms onto Library property. Unattended packages, bags, and other personal property are prohibited and may be removed.

Disruptive behavior, which interferes with other individuals' use and enjoyment of the library, is prohibited. Disruptive behavior shall include: harassing or annoying others through noisy or boisterous activities, staring at another person with the intent to annoy that person, following another person about the building with the intent to annoy that person, playing audio equipment so that others can hear it, singing or talking to others or in monologues, or behaving in a manner which reasonably can be expected to disturb other individuals.

Conversation in all public areas of the library should be at a level that does not disrupt other individuals using the library.

Appropriate clothing including a shirt and shoes must be worn in the library at all times. Clothing that is inappropriate or offensive so as to reasonably constitute a nuisance to other individuals using the library is prohibited.

Non-alcoholic drinks in covered containers and cold snack food will be permitted in the library. However, food is restricted to the lobby area and meeting rooms. Food may not produce an odor detectable to other library users.

Smoking is prohibited throughout the building and within 15 feet of any entrance, exit, or operable window under the Elmhurst Municipal Code. Smoking is also prohibited in the John Carroll Reading Garden and the Garden Island in the southwest corner of the parking lot.

Individuals who fail to abide by these rules or other regulations of the library will be asked to leave the premises. The Library Director and, in her absence, the Assistant Library Director, is authorized to ban individuals who repeatedly or egregiously violate library rules from use of the library for a specified period of time or until legal charges filed against the individual for incidents occurring at the library have been adjudicated, in accordance with 75 ILCS 5/4-7-11. Any individual who has been banned may have the decision reviewed by the Board of Trustees.