

Patron Rules & Responsibilities

The Grand Rapids Public Library welcomes everyone to use the library and its resources. In order to maintain a clean, safe, and comfortable environment for our patrons and staff, we ask that everyone in library buildings or property adhere to the following rules and responsibilities:

- Obey all local, state and federal laws.
- Follow library policies and procedures about the use of library materials, services and computers.
- All bags and other containers must fit completely under a library chair.
- Wheeled vehicles, unless needed by persons with disabilities or to transport children, are not allowed in library buildings.
- No solicitation or panhandling.
- Do not bother or willfully annoy other people.
- Refrain from loud or rowdy behavior, or creating or participating in a disturbance such as a physical or verbal fight or altercation.
- Do not use profane, obscene, or injurious language.
- Do not display obscene materials or images.
- Parents and other adults accompanying minors are responsible for ensuring that the minors follow the library's policies and procedures. The library should not be used in place of appropriate child care.
- Keep food and beverages in designated areas. All beverages must be covered.
- Smoking, use, or display of tobacco products is not allowed except in designated outdoor areas.
- No loitering. Patrons may not remain on library property after being told to leave by a staff member.
- No trespassing. This includes being in library buildings when they are not open to the public or going into non-public areas.
- Be respectful of library property and materials. Do not damage, vandalize, tamper with or improperly remove library property or property that does not belong to you.
- No public intoxication. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is not allowed, except with the approval of the library director.
- Proper attire, including, but not limited to, shirt and shoes, is required.
- Patrons with inadequate personal hygiene that interferes with the use of the library by others will be asked to leave.
- No sleeping in the library.

Any person who does not adhere to these rules and responsibilities may be asked to leave library property, be denied library privileges, or be banned from the library. Violation of local, state or federal laws may result in criminal prosecution.

