

# Seymour Public Library District

**Policy Title:** Patron Code Of Conduct

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**Policy Category:** Public Space and Safety

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Seymour Public Library District (SPLD) is committed to providing and protecting all library users' right of access to library facilities and to information. Our Patron Code of Conduct has a threefold purpose: to protect the rights and safety of library patrons, to protect the rights and safety of staff members, and to preserve and protect the library's materials, facilities, and property.

To keep Seymour Library a welcoming place for everyone, we abide by the following guidelines:

- We expect library patrons to comply with local, state, and federal laws. If you break the law, we will ask you to leave. We may call local law enforcement and/or we may elect to prosecute to the full extent of the law.
- We expect all library patrons, regardless of age, to respect the comfort and safety of fellow library users and library staff. If you or your child's behavior is making others unsafe, uncomfortable, or is disruptive, we will ask you to modify your behavior or to leave.
- When making/taking calls or participating in teleconferences in the common areas of the library, patrons should exercise good judgment and take care not to disturb other library users.
- Children under the age of 8 must have a parent or caregiver with them at all times. Parents & Caregivers must assume responsibility for a child while in the library. A caregiver is someone 12 or older, who has the authority and responsibility to care for a child, given by the child's parent or legal guardian.
- No food is allowed in the library, unless part of a library approved program. Beverages with a secure top may be consumed throughout the building.
- We expect users to comply with requests from library staff. If you don't, we reserve the right to suspend privileges and/or access.

Library patrons must abide by all Seymour Library policies in order to ensure equal access to Library facilities and information. The Library Director reserves the right to ban any patron from the library who chooses not to comply with Library policies. Patrons have the right to appeal this ban by addressing the matter with the SPLD Board of Trustees.

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