

TINICUM MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY CODE OF CONDUCT

Purpose

The Tincum Memorial Public Library (TMPL) seeks to provide a peaceful place where people of all ages may experience the joy of reading, the discovery of ideas and the power of information. The *Library Code of Conduct* ensures that all people can enjoy a peaceful environment while utilizing the library facilities, collections and available services.

The following activities or behavior are prohibited in the library and/or on library property:

- Eating or drinking at computers
- Smoking
- Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Engaging in any illegal activity while in the library building or on library property
- Stealing, defacing or mutilating library materials
- Bringing an animal into the library except those designated by the ADA as service animals
- Noisy or disruptive behavior including running, shoving, fighting or roughhousing
- Foul, abusive or threatening language
- Campaigning, petitioning, or soliciting
- Absence of shirt, shoes, or lower body clothing
- Engaging in sexual activity or conduct that is inappropriate in a public place or any act of lewdness prohibited by Pennsylvania State Law
- Engaging in any activity that is not in compliance with the Library's Electronic Information and Internet Safety Policy
- Wearing of wet bathing suits
- Use of public bathrooms for laundry or bathing

All library users must abide by the following:

- Children ages 4 and under must be accompanied by an adult parent/guardian or caregiver at all times
- Cell phones must be silenced - calls may be answered in the lobby area
- Computer seating may not be saved or held for a future time without making a reservation

Failure to Comply

Any person who fails to adhere to the Library Code of Conduct will be asked to leave the premises immediately. If a staff member cannot determine which individual in a particular area or workstation is causing the disturbance, all persons in that area may be asked to leave.

If a person is asked to leave and refuses to do so, library staff reserve the right to contact the Tincum Police Department and/or parents/guardians, which may also result in a suspension of library privileges and/or legal consequences.

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