

PLYMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Under the provisions of Chapter 43 of the Wisconsin Statutes, specifically 43.52(2), the Plymouth Public Library Board of Trustees may enact regulations that serve to ensure the safety of all library staff and patrons, protect the usefulness of the materials collection, and maintain order in the library.

The following Code of Conduct has been established for all patrons and will be given to all new card holders. If a patron is not responsive to the needs of other library users or disregards the policies protecting patrons, staff, and library property, the patron will be asked to leave. Law enforcement may be notified.

The following observable behaviors and activities are not allowed:

<p><b>1. Unsafe or Disruptive</b></p>	<p><b>Examples (including but not limited to):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excessive noise. Patrons must attempt to keep noise at a level that does not disturb others.</li> <li>• Behavior likely to cause personal injury such as running or rough housing.</li> <li>• Interfering with the free passage of staff or others.</li> <li>• Rudeness or swearing at staff or others.</li> <li>• Leaving young children (under age 10) unattended. Please ask about our Unattended Children Policy.</li> <li>• Animals or pets are only allowed in the library as an approved exhibit, service animals for persons with disabilities as defined by the ADA Act, or under the control of public safety officials.</li> <li>• For reasons of public health and safety, bare feet are not allowed in the library. Also, shirts will be worn while in the building.</li> <li>• Bodily hygiene or scent so strong as to constitute a nuisance.</li> <li>• Soliciting, selling of goods or services, petitioning, canvassing, conducting surveys, or distributing written materials without express permission of the library</li> <li>• Consuming food unless otherwise approved by the library – water in a covered container is allowed. Please report any spills to staff immediately.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Illegal Activities</b></p>	<p><b>Examples (including but not limited to):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Threatening or harassing behavior towards staff or others.</li> <li>• Assaulting staff or others.</li> <li>• Selling or using drugs.</li> <li>• Consuming alcohol or possessing open containers.</li> <li>• Theft of library materials or items belonging to staff or others.</li> <li>• Smoking in the library or within 25 feet of the library including electronic cigarettes.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Noncompliance with Staff</b></p>	<p><b>Examples (including but not limited to):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When asked to stop prohibited behavior, failing to do so.</li> <li>• When requested to leave for violations of this code of conduct or any other policy governing the library, and failing to do so.</li> <li>• Ignoring staff requests during emergencies.</li> </ul>