

Policy # 14 RULES OF CONDUCT OF LIBRARY USERS

The rights of an individual to use of the DeRuyter Free Library should not be abridged or denied. To guarantee these rights for all persons, no library patron shall engage in behaviors prohibited by the following rules.

NO PERSON SHALL

1. Make solicitations for any reason; except in designated areas.
2. Willfully annoy another person.
3. Damage or deface public property.
4. Improperly remove library materials or equipment.
5. Loiter in the Library.
6. Engage in loud or boisterous conduct.
7. Be in a state of intoxication in a manner that causes public disturbance.
8. Utter profane, obscene, or injurious language directed at another person.
9. Remain in the building after it's regular closing hours.
10. Enter or remain in the Library without wearing a shirt or shoes.
11. Interfere with other library patrons' use of the facilities through extremely poor personal hygiene.

It is a charge of the DeRuyter Free Library staff to see that the rights of individuals to use the library are upheld.

UNATTENDED CHILDREN

Parents may not leave children under the age of six unattended in the library except during library programs. At all times parents (or guardians) are responsible for their children's behavior while in the library.

AMMENDMENTS –

#1 UNATTENDED CHILDREN - Parents may not leave children under the age of twelve unattended in the library except during library programs. At all times parents (or guardians) are responsible for their children's behavior while in the library. An older sibling may be counted as a guardian of a younger sibling as long as they meet the age requirement of 12 and over.

#2 No Food or Drink is allowed in the Libray unless it is accociated with a Library program being held at that time.

Library Rules of Conduct

The DeRuyter Free Library is dedicated to providing a welcoming and safe environment for patrons of all ages. Children, like all library patrons, are expected to behave appropriately. Parents and caregivers, not library staff, are responsible for the behavior and supervision of their children in the library. Library personnel cannot be responsible for children who are unattended or demonstrating inappropriate behavior. In order to maintain a pleasant experience for visitors and staff, the following guidelines have been established for the Library. Violations of the Rules of Conduct may have consequences, detailed below.

Rules of Conduct

- No fighting, shoving, or other inappropriate physical contact; no use of foul language.
- You may play with the library toys but, you must pick them up when you are finished. (The library should be left in the condition that you found it.)
- Respect the rights of other patrons and library staff at all times.
- Use the library and library materials in a quiet and respectful manner.
- Do not cause damage to any library materials, furnishings, walls or equipment.

Consequences for violating rules of conduct

1. The staff will give a verbal warning of inappropriate behavior.
2. The staff will explain the rules to the patron and suggest alternatives.
3. In the event of continued disruptions, after warning and explanation of rules, patron may be asked to leave the library for the rest of the day.
4. If the patron repeatedly ignores the warning issued by the staff, the staff has the right to remove the patron for a specified period of time.