

**Princeton Public Library Policy:  
Appropriate Library Behavior, Including PC Use**

Under the provisions of Chapter 43 of the Wisconsin State Statutes, section 43.52 [1] and [2], the Princeton 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 Princeton Library Board is committed to providing a library where all users may come to read, browse, do research, participate in library programs, socialize quietly, or study. This policy does not intend to prohibit normal library activities. The library encourages visits by children of all ages, and this policy does not intend to prohibit enjoyable, appropriate use of the library by children.

Parents will be held responsible for the behavior of their children. Young children should be in the company of a responsible parent or guardian at all times. If a parent/responsible guardian cannot be found, the child will be remanded to the care of the Princeton Police Department.

Inappropriate behavior is not allowed in the library or on library property. Inappropriate behavior includes any activity that disturbs others, interferes with library operations, or damages the facility or its contents. Inappropriate behavior includes smoking or vaping indoors, rudeness, profanity, rough-housing, running, littering, shouting, property destruction, fighting, theft, drunkenness, nudity, lascivious acts, harassment, severe uncleanliness, and any behavior generally considered unacceptable in a public place.

Inappropriate behavior on a computer is not allowed in the library or on library property. Inappropriate behavior on a computer includes any activity that disturbs others, interferes with library operations, or damages library hardware or software. Inappropriate behavior on a computer includes overly loud videos and video chats, the viewing of pornographic or lewd material, sexually explicit messaging, harassment, hacking, using the computer to attempt to commit fraud, printing inappropriate text or images, printing "blackout" pages, cryptocurrency mining, accessing the dark web, downloading inappropriate software, or participating in criminal activities.

The library cannot be held liable for purchases made on library computers, sensitive data left on library computers by patrons, or devices used with library computers. The library is not responsible for the computer use or online behavior of minors. Parents are encouraged to supervise children whenever they have concerns.

Computers are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. In the event of high demand, computer use time may be limited to 30 minutes. Those using computers for games may be

asked to give up their seats to those who wish to use a computer for business.

This policy has been established for all patrons. If a patron is not responsive to requests from staff to cease inappropriate behavior, and/or continually disregards policies protecting patrons, staff, and library property, the patron will be asked to leave the library. Patrons who do not leave upon request after being instructed to do so by staff will be considered trespassing, and the police may be called for assistance.

In the event of extremely inappropriate behavior, staff are encouraged to call the police if a situation escalates, rather than potentially put themselves or other patrons in harm's way.

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