

The Fremont Public Library District Board of Trustees is committed to providing a facility that creates a safe and inviting atmosphere for the community, promotes efficient staff operations, reflects the organization's mission, and complies with generally accepted standards of public security, health and hygiene.

Illinois Library Law (75 ILCS 5/4-7) gives the Board of Trustees the right "to make and adopt bylaws, rules, and regulations, for their own guidance and for the government of the library as may be expedient," as well as "to exclude from the use of the Library any person who willfully violates the rules prescribed by the Board."

The staff member in charge of the library will have the support of the Board of Trustees for any official act in accordance with Board-approved policies and library procedures.

Use of Property and Facilities

Patrons are expected to behave appropriately, with respect and consideration for the rights of others. Any behavior that, in the opinion of library staff, unreasonably infringes on the peaceful use and enjoyment of the library's facilities and services or interferes with staff in the performance of their duties will not be tolerated. Patrons are responsible for cleaning up after themselves and not leaving debris in the library building or on its grounds.

In using the facilities, materials, and services of the Fremont Public Library, it shall be prohibited to:

1. Enter the Library facility without appropriate attire and without a generally acceptable standard of personal hygiene.
2. Use the name or address of the Fremont Public Library as any element of advertising or promoting paid tutoring services.
3. Use electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), tobacco, drugs or alcohol or enter the Library in an intoxicated condition. Smoking is also not permitted outside within 15 feet of the library building.
4. Carrying any weapons, firearms, explosives or combustible materials.
5. Engage in conduct that may reasonably be expected to create a disturbance or otherwise interfere with the quiet and safe use and enjoyment of the Library by others (for example, but not limited to, loud or boisterous conversations, running, fighting, threatening or harassing behavior, obstructing others' access to Library resources, etc.)
6. Engage in conduct that may reasonably be expected to endanger the health and safety of Library users or employees, or cause or threaten to cause damage to Library materials or facilities (for example, but not limited to, moving furniture in a way which blocks aisles, using tables or chairs as footstools, defacing or vandalizing Library property or materials, etc.)
7. Loitering on grounds or in a manner which blocks entrances, exits, stairwells, and public rights of way.
8. Bring any animal other than a Service Animal within the Library facility without prior permission of the Library Director (See Service Animal Policy).
9. Roller blade, skate board, bicycle, scooter, or engage in any other activity that may endanger public safety.
10. Sell products or services, solicit, canvas, distribute leaflets, surveys, petitions, or engage in similar activity unless authorized by the Library Director. (See Solicitation Policy)

Food and Drinks

A covered drink is allowed anywhere in the library, but food is permitted only in designated snack areas on each floor, with the exception of food provided in library-sponsored events or programs.

In the event that equipment or materials are damaged because of food or drink, or if the food or drink being consumed is disturbing other patrons because of mess or odor, staff will ask the patron to take their food or drink out of the Library. Patrons are expected to clean up after themselves and to immediately report accidents to staff.

Discipline

Any patron who violates this policy may be required to leave the library and its grounds. Library staff members are authorized to eject person(s) causing a disruption for the remainder of the day. The police will be summoned if a patron refuses to leave when instructed to do so by a library staff member.

The Library Director is authorized to suspend library patrons' visitation and/or borrowing privileges. The Board of Trustees may review and alter suspensions. An appeal of a suspension must be made in writing to the President of the Library Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees will review a written appeal and issue a written decision regarding whether to sustain, reverse or modify the discipline within sixty (60) days of receipt of the appeal.