

Kasson Public Library supports the rights of all individuals to:

- Friendly, courteous and respectful service;
- Free and equal access to information;
- Privacy and confidentiality in their use of library services and collections;
- A safe, comfortable and pleasant environment; and
- Undisturbed use of the library without threat of harm, interference or discrimination.

Use of library facilities and resources implies acceptance of this Patron Code of Conduct, which is based on these three principles:

- Respect every person's right to use the library.
- Respect library and personal property.
- Respect directions from library staff.

Kasson Public Library asks all patrons to work together to create an environment conducive to equitable use of the library.

Respect every person's right to use the library

To insure individuals' rights to use the library, these behaviors will be prohibited:

- Impeding ingress and egress from the library;
- Displaying or possessing weapons, illegal substances, alcohol or tobacco;
- Leaving a child under 10 unattended in the library;
- No loud conversations anywhere in the library;
- Engaging in offensive, obscene or abusive language or actions;
- Engaging in sexual behavior;
- Selling or conducting commercial ventures in the library, except those sponsored by the library;
- Consuming food outside of the Community Room; only beverages with lids are permitted in the library.

Respect library and personal property

To insure individuals' rights to use the library, these behaviors will be prohibited:

- Bringing pets or other animals (with the exception of service animals or animals in a library-sponsored event) into the library;
- Theft, intentional damage or destruction to library property or materials;
- Tampering with library computer systems, accessories or software;
- Using the library restrooms for purposes other than hand-washing or using the lavatory;
- Moving or rearranging library furniture.

Respect directions from library staff

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To insure individuals' rights to use the library, these behaviors will be prohibited:

- Harassing, bullying or assaulting library staff or other patrons;
- Refusal to follow a directive of library staff
- Disregard for library protocols, policy or rules.

Library staff will enforce the Code of Conduct and patrons are expected to follow staff directives regarding use of the library. Patrons or guests who refuse to follow these directives may be asked to leave. An incident report will be kept on file with the library director. (Form in appendix.) Suspension of library privileges may result. If necessary, law enforcement may be called.

Kasson Public Library Board of Directors

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