

Patron Behavior Policy
Commerce Township Community Library

The Commerce Township Community Library seeks to provide an enriching environment for its patrons. Improper behavior interferes with the ability of the Library to provide this environment, or to otherwise protect the health, safety and welfare of its patrons. Behaviors which disrupt the environment, including by way of example, but not limited to, the following, may result in the loss of library access and privileges:

- Any illegal activity, including but not limited to, destruction or theft of property.
- Loud, disruptive or inappropriate behavior.
- Unauthorized use of computers (see Internet Use Policy).
- Smoking and or vaping in or around the building.
- Disruptive use of cell phones or pagers. (Cell phones may be used only in the Library lobby or outside. All cell phones and pagers must be turned off, or to silent mode, in the Library.)
- Bringing animals, other than service animals, into the library.
- Trespassing or loitering on Library property after hours, or after being asked to leave by Library staff.
- Leaving children under the age of twelve (12) unattended or unsupervised in the Library.
- Entering the Library without shoes or shirt.
- No food other than vending machine snacks
- Failure to follow directions of a library staff member.

This policy will be enforced by Library staff, with the assistance of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department when appropriate. All illegal activity will be prosecuted to the extent authorized by law. Users who refuse to abide by the behavior policy may be asked to leave the building.

A user whose access or privileges have been suspended may appeal in writing to the Library Director. The Director will respond with a written determination and explanation. The Director's determination may be appealed in writing to the Library Advisory Board, which will consider the appeal at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The Library Advisory Board will respond with a written determination. The Library Advisory Board's recommendation may be appealed in writing to the Commerce Township Board of Trustees, who will have final authority in the matter.

This policy, as well as any Library policy, will be made available on the Library's website, or in print format upon request.

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