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Oshkosh Public Library introduces new patron behavior policy

Oshkosh, Wis. – Beginning May 28, Oshkosh Public Library is rolling out a more comprehensive patron behavior policy, shaped by community and staff feedback and approved by the Oshkosh Public Library Board of Trustees at their regular meeting on April 25.

"These rules are designed to ensure that every patron can fully use the library without worry," says Eschete. "We are committed to upholding an atmosphere of respect and safety for everyone who visits us."

Highlights of the revised policy include expectations for patrons to engage productively with library resources, clear consequences for individuals engaging in disruptive or threatening behavior and a firm stance against any type of bullying or harassment.

Additionally, the policy outlines guidelines for noise levels, electronic device usage, and eating and drinking in public spaces. There are also new restrictions regarding the size of bags or items brought into the library.

Eschete adds, "These rules help staff to maintain a positive environment and experience for everyone, and we appreciate Oshkosh helping us to keep the library orderly, clean and comfortable."

To ensure a smooth transition, a grace period for policy enforcement will be provided, coupled with support for staff. Additionally, the updated policy will be posted on the library's website and displayed throughout the building.

For questions or concerns regarding the updated policy, patrons are encouraged to contact Director Eschete at eschete@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org.

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