

TEMPORARY LIBRARY RULES OF BEHAVIOR – COVID-19 Public Health Emergency -- Delta Variant Infection Increases

During the period of recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Oshkosh Public Library must adopt a set of rules for behavior that are different from those in normal times.

In light of the increasing number of infections in Winnebago County traced to the B.1.617.2 (delta) variant of the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), the following rules will be in effect from Monday, August 30, 2021 until October 1, 2021, under the authority of the Oshkosh Public Library Board of Trustees as provided for in Chapter 43.58(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

These Temporary Rules of Behavior are designed to ensure the safety of the general public, the library's employees, and all others who work in the library building (including employees of the Winnefox Library System; the Winnebago Area Literacy Council; and those of private cleaning and other contractors). The rules are also designed to ensure respect for all people who seek to use library resources.

During the period of the Library's COVID-19 Phase Two Re-Opening Plan implementation, the following behavior rules will be in force inside the Library building:

1. All members of the public, age two or older, will be required to wear face masks properly, as per CDC guidelines.

The Library's established rules of behavior – still in force during the COVID-19 Phase Two Re-Opening Plan implementation period – prohibit the following conduct, behavior and acts in the Library building:

1. Rowdy or unsafe activity.
2. Loud noises, loud talking or inappropriate language.
3. Not wearing shoes or a shirt.
4. Blocking any entrance or fire exit.
5. Bringing pets into the building.
6. Leaving children under the age of 8 unattended without direct supervision.
7. Using tobacco.
8. Possessing alcoholic beverages.
9. Sleeping.
10. Panhandling, or selling goods or services.

11. Unauthorized distribution of materials or gathering signatures for petitions.
12. Leaving the library with library materials that have not been checked out.
13. Damaging library materials, equipment, furniture, facilities or property.
14. Inappropriate public display of affection.

Illegal activities will be reported to the police.

Behavior which violates the rules, interferes with the use of the library by others, or interferes with the staff or volunteers in the conduct of their duties is not permitted. Persons behaving in such a manner will be asked to stop the behavior by staff. If the behavior persists, the individual(s) will be asked to leave the building and/or the police may be called and/or library privileges suspended. Individuals may be asked to present identification.

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