

Tobacco-Free Library Policy

Application

Everyone who spends time at the Community Library is affected by use of tobacco products on library property.

Statement of Purpose

Tobacco product use is unhealthy and detrimental to general health and wellbeing. Tobacco products, once consumed in public spaces and facilities, are often discarded on the ground, posing a litter problem and the risk of ingestion by toddlers and/or wildlife. Such behavior is in opposition to the efforts of children, youth and adults pursuing information or technology needs and enrichment at the library.

The library personnel, visitors to the library, and the institution itself are often seen as role models. The use of tobacco products around youth has a negative effect on their lifestyle choices; modeling positive health behaviors helps shape a better community.

Policy

The Community Library is committed to providing a high quality of life for everyone who makes use of the library and its grounds. The use of any tobacco products on library property is not allowed. Tobacco products are defined as any manufactured product containing tobacco or nicotine including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, dipping tobacco, bidis, snus, dissolvable tobacco products and electronic nicotine and non-nicotine devices (ENDS) like electronic cigarettes. Policy compliance and enforcement are voluntary, though failure to comply with a reasonable request related to tobacco use may be escalated through the library's Code of Conduct.

Responsibility

The library maintains tobacco-free signage and conducts other efforts to promote awareness of this policy. Library personnel including staff, volunteers, Board members, and other designees will enforce this policy directly with visitors to the library. The Library Director or a designee holds responsibility for providing documents related to the policy to the concerned parties. The Library Director is responsible for training and supporting staff regarding this policy.

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