

Conduct Ordinance 2016-01

Amending of Fossil Ridge Public Library District Ordinance No. 2013-06, entitled, Conduct Ordinance

The Board of Trustees of the Fossil Ridge Public Library District does hereby amend Ordinance 2013-06, Conduct Ordinance and does ordain as follows:

1. Section 2 is hereby repealed and recreated as follows:

Section 2. In such instances involving adults, identification will be requested. In such instances involving minors, identification will be requested and the incident will be reported to the parent or guardian.

2. Section 5a 11 is hereby repealed.

3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its enactment.

PASSED by the Board of Library Trustees of the FOSSIL RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, Will, Grundy, and Kankakee Counties, Illinois, on this 21st day of March, 2016 by a vote of:

Ayes: __5__

Nays: __0__

Absent or
Abstained: __2__

APPROVED:
Sandra Bauter, President

ATTEST:

Mary "Dee" deGroh, Secretary

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The Fossil Ridge Public Library District is dedicated to providing access to knowledge and information through reading, writing and quiet contemplation, and providing for patrons the right to use materials and services without being disturbed or impeded and providing patrons and employees with a secure and comfortable environment. The Public Library Act provides the Board of Library Trustees with the general power to carry out the spirit and intent of the Act in establishing and maintaining the Library and providing library services, and the specific power to “exclude from the use of the library any person who willfully violates an ordinance or regulation prescribed.”

The Board of Library Trustees of the Fossil Ridge Public Library district establishes its conduct ordinance as follows:

Section 1.

A patron who engages in any activity which materially disrupts the use of library facilities, collections or services by patrons or materially disrupts the ability of the staff to perform its duties shall cease such activity immediately upon request by library personnel.

Section 2.

In such instances involving adults, identification will be requested. In such instances involving minors, identification will be requested and the incident will be reported to the parent or guardian.

Section 3.

If, following a request, the patron fails or refuses to comply, or responds to the request in an abusive fashion, he or she will be required to leave the library premises immediately for the balance of that calendar day. If he or she fails to leave, the police will be summoned.

Section 4.

Library personnel will record instances in which patrons are required to leave the library in a ledger maintained by the Library for that purpose. Upon the 2nd recorded instance in which a patron is required to leave the library premises within a thirty-day period, the Director shall bar the patron from use of library premises for a period of thirty days. Parents or guardians of minors will be notified in writing after the 1st recorded

instance in which a minor is required to leave the Library and advised of the consequences of any further recorded instances.

Section 5.

Parents wishing to appeal such action may do so upon written request to the Board of Library Trustees.

Section 6.

In the event a patron barred from the use of the Library attempts entry to the Library during any such period of exclusion, the police will be summoned and informed of the prior action.

Section 7.

In the event the patron persists in abusive conduct or disruptive behavior following such period of exclusion, the Director shall report to the Board of Library Trustees such conduct following prior exclusion and the Board will consider a long-term exclusion of that patron.

Section 8.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon enactment and approval to law and be in full force and effect thereafter, a copy shall be posted within three days of enactment at the Library and the secretary shall maintain a certified copy in the official records of the Library available for public inspection.

EXPECTED PATRON BEHAVIOR

I Policy 5a

To insure that all patrons may have considerate use of the Fossil Ridge Public Library, appropriate behavior is expected. Violation of any of the following could result in a warning, request to leave library property, and/or suspension of library privilege. Whenever necessary, police will be contacted. The Director and supervisory staff have authority to carry out all powers of this policy.

Examples of disturbances include, but are not limited to:

1. Any violation of law or ordinance.
2. Refusal to comply with directions/instructions given by library staff.
3. Loud talking, boisterous behavior, abusive language, fighting, loitering or any activity that disrupts the use of the library by others or staff.
4. Smoking is not permitted in the library or within 15 feet of the library entrance.
5. Destruction, mutilation, vandalizing, or stealing of library property.
6. Parking bicycles or other vehicles in a manner that blocks or hinders entry to the library.
7. Engaging in bicycling, rollerblading, skateboarding, or roller skating on library grounds.
8. Threatening, harassing, intimidating or injuring a staff member or other person.
9. Appropriate clothing, including shoes, must be worn in the library at all times.
10. Soliciting library patrons or staff for donations, purchases, etc.,
11. Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed on library property without prior Library Board of Trustee approval.