

## Safe Use Bylaw

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Bylaw is to prescribe rules governing the conduct of persons using the Library in order to ensure the comfort and safety of all Library patrons and staff.

### **DEFINITIONS**

In this Bylaw:

- a) "Act" means The Public Libraries Act, 1996 of the Province of Saskatchewan or any Act passed in substitution thereof;
- b) "Board" means the Saskatoon Public Library Board;
- c) "Director of Libraries" means the Director of Libraries of the Saskatoon Public Library or any person designated by the Director of Libraries to administer this Bylaw;
- d) "Library" includes any building or mobile unit from which the Saskatoon Public Library operates a Library service;
- e) "Library staff" includes security guards and any officer, servant or agent of the Saskatoon Public Library Board.

### **PROPER IDENTIFICATION**

All persons using facilities or services provided by the Library staff shall provide correct names and current addresses when requested to do so by Library staff.

### **IMPROPER CONDUCT**

No person while in the Library shall:

- a) cause a disturbance by using profane, insulting, abusive, foul or obscene language

- b) behave in a disorderly manner or engage in any act having the effect of disturbing other patrons or Library staff or preventing or hindering their use and enjoyment of Library facilities
- c) contravene any provision of the Regulations Governing Conduct in the Library attached as Schedule "A" and forming part of this Bylaw

## **ANIMALS**

No person shall allow any animal to enter or remain in a Library except as permitted by the Director of Libraries.

This Section does not apply to guide dogs.

## **SOLICITATIONS AND ADVERTISING PROHIBITED**

Except with the permission of the Director of Libraries, no person shall, while in the Library:

- a) sell, offer for sale or distribute any newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, leaflet, printed matter or merchandise of any kind
- b) beg or solicit for any purposes
- c) affix or post any bill, poster or notice

## **CLOSING TIME**

No person using the Library shall remain in the Library after the time fixed for closing.

## **HEALTH REGULATIONS**

All persons using Library facilities shall comply with applicable public health regulations.

## **REQUESTS TO LEAVE**

The Library staff may direct that any person acting in contravention of this Bylaw leave the Library. No person shall fail to comply with a direction under this Section to leave the Library.

## **EXPULSION AND REVOCATION OF BORROWING PRIVILEGES**

If a person contravenes any provision of this Bylaw, the Director of Libraries, in addition to or in place of any other penalty, may:

- suspend or revoke that person's borrowing privileges;
- suspend or revoke that person's Internet access privileges; and
- prohibit that person from entering any Library facility for such period of time as the Director of Libraries may direct.

## **APPEAL TO BOARD**

A person whose borrowing privileges have been suspended or revoked or who has been prohibited from entering a Library facility may appeal the decision of the Director of Libraries to the Board.

- a) An appeal under this Section must be in writing, must state the grounds of appeal and the facts relied on in support of the appeal, and must be filed with the Secretary of the Board within 30 days of the date of the decision of the Director of Libraries.
- b) The Board may, in its sole discretion, allow the appellant to make oral representations to it in support of his or her appeal.
- c) The Board may delegate the authority to hear and determine appeals to a standing or special committee of the Board.
- d) On appeal under this Section, the Board or the committee of the Board may confirm, modify or repeal the decision of the Director of Libraries or substitute its own decision for that of the Director of Libraries.

## **OFFENSE**

Any person who commits a breach of any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence under Section 68(5) of the Act.

## **Schedule "A" REGULATIONS GOVERNING CONDUCT IN THE LIBRARY**

### **Definitions**

In these Regulations:

a) "inappropriate site" means an Internet site that contains sexually explicit content or that depicts excessively graphic violence toward a specific gender, ethnic or racial group.

### **Use of the Internet**

a) Prohibited Uses/Sites Internet computers must not be used for illegal, actionable or criminal purposes, to seek access to unauthorized sites or to access inappropriate sites.

b) Downloading, transmission and export of material from inappropriate sites is prohibited.

c) Parents accompanying children in the Library are responsible for the child's use of the Internet. The Library has an "open access" policy which allows children the same access as adults to all material in the Library. Accordingly, these Regulations apply to children. If Library staff become aware that a child has violated these Regulations, the child will be asked to leave the computer immediately and will not be allowed to access a computer again that day.

d) Infringement of copyright is prohibited.

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