

LONDON PUBLIC LIBRARY POLICY

Title of Policy: Charter of Library Use
Policy Type: Board Operational Linkage
Policy No: C-C-01

Effective Date: October 27, 2016

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PURPOSE:

The Charter of Library Use is an umbrella policy identifying several key policies which define the relationship between Library patrons and London Public Library in terms of expected behaviours and responsibilities. These policies are:

- Technology Use;
- Internet Services;
- Rules of Conduct; and
- Unattended Children.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all members of the public and Employees using or accessing our facilities in person or remotely.

Members of the public and Employees are expected to follow the laws and regulations of Canada and the Province of Ontario. In the Library, particular attention is given to:

- *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* ;
- *Copyright Act* (R.S.1985 C-42) and other legislation governing intellectual property;
- *Criminal Code of Canada* (R.S.1985 C-46) and other legislation governing public conduct;
- *Child and Family Services Act* (R.S.O 1990 C11) and other legislation governing the rights of children;
- *Public Libraries Act* (R.S.O. 1990 C44); and
- *Trespass to Property Act* (R.S.O. 1990 CT.21) by which the library can tell a person to leave if they don't follow the Rules of Conduct.

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POLICY STATEMENT:

London Public Library aims to provide a welcoming and safe environment for the enjoyment of the public and Employees so that all persons may enjoy the services of the Library.

Individuals using Library services and resources are expected to act with respect and consideration for others and for Library property.

It is the responsibility of Library Employees to ensure that policies for Library use are followed. Employees make every effort to apply these policies in a fair, dignified and positive way for the benefit of all.

Any person not following Library rules risks loss of privileges, exclusion from the Library, cost-recovery damages and prosecution.

BACKGROUND:

INQUIRIES:

CEO & Chief Librarian

KEYWORDS:

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

Technology Use Policy
Internet Service Policy
Rules of Conduct Policy
Smoke-Free Policy
Unattended Children Policy

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