**Luther Area Public Library**

**Patron Code of Conduct**

 To allow all patrons of the Luther Area Public Library to use its facilities to the fullest extent during regularly scheduled hours, the Library Board of Trustees has adopted the following rules and regulations:

1. Patrons shall respect the rights of other patrons. Patrons shall not harass or annoy other through noisy or boisterous activities, by following another person about the building with the intent to annoy that person, by playing audio equipment so that others can hear it, by singing or talking loudly to others or in monologues, or by displaying print or non-print materials of an offensive nature to others, or by behaving in a manner that can reasonably be expected to disturb others.
2. The Library is committed to maintaining an alcohol and illicit drug free environment.
3. Food or drink is not to be consumed near computers.
4. Patrons shall not interfere with the use of the library by other patrons, or interfere with library employees’ performance of their duties.
5. Patrons utilizing electronic devices, including cell phones and pagers, will be asked to place them on silent ring or vibrate while in the library. Patrons limit phone conversations to such areas as the entrance foyer so as not to disturb other patrons.
6. Patrons shall not use roller skates, roller blades, or skateboards on Library property and will be asked to leave the premises if they do.
7. Patrons shall not loiter in the Library under circumstances that warrant

alarm for the safety or health of any person or property in the vicinity.

1. All campaigning, petitioning, interviewing, survey taking, soliciting, sales or engaging in speech or conduct, which results in the disruption of normal library activities is prohibited.
2. Luther Area Public Library reserves the right to establish and implement policies and procedures as needed, including, but not limited to: user registration; scheduling and regulating usage of audio, video, and computer equipment; scheduling public use of library facilities for meetings; regulating usage of any other specialized equipment and/or services provided by the library and made available to the public. Such policies and procedures are intended to make such equipment and/or services available to all patrons.

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1. This policy does not prohibit quiet conversations between patrons and/or staff members, or conversations required to carry on library programs or business. It is designed to preserve a reasonable quiet atmosphere where the library patrons may study and otherwise use library materials without disturbance.

Persons who violate the above ordinances are subject to prosecution and withholding of library privileges as follow:

First Offense: The patron must leave the library for the rest of the day.

Second Offense: The patron must leave the library and library privileges will be revoked for one week.

Third Offense: The patron must leave the library and library privileges will be revoked for one month.

Subsequent Offenses: The patron must leave the library and library privileges will be revoked for one year. Additionally, the patron will be reported to the Luther Area Public Library Board of Trustees. All incidents will be documented and kept on file.

In addition, on Library premises no person shall:

1. Commit an assault, or an assault and battery upon any person.
2. Engage in any fight.
3. Commit the offense of larceny.

These additional offenses will be turned over to local law enforcement immediately.

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