

# LA GRANGE PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

## LIBRARY BEHAVIOR

ORDINANCE NUMBER 135 (2004)

Amending "Rule 7," Pertaining to Pets Prohibited ("Service" was added to Rule 7)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 84

DATE OF ENACTMENT: MAY 18, 1993

### AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING RULES OF CONDUCT FOR THE BEHAVIOR OF PERSONS USING THE LA GRANGE PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY PROHIBITING CERTAIN CONDUCT, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

For the purpose of (1) ensuring a quiet and safe environment for reading, study, and research by Library patrons of all ages; (2) providing for the orderly conduct of Library business; (3) safeguarding and preserving Library materials, books, equipment, property, and facilities; and (4) protecting the rights of patrons and Library staff members;

To preserve a reasonably quiet facility where all patrons may study, read, research, or use Library materials without unreasonable or unnecessary interruptions;

To permit patrons to exercise rights which are consistent with the nature of a library; and Pursuant to Section 1004-11, Article 4, of the Illinois Public Library District Act, and other applicable provisions thereof; THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE LA GRANGE PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

#### SECTION ONE:

The following rules of conduct are enacted to regulate the behavior of persons using the La Grange Park Library, (referred to as "Library") and to prohibit the conduct described.

#### RULES:

1. Loud Noises Prohibited
2. Loitering Prohibited
3. Smoking Prohibited
4. Eating and Drinking Restricted
5. Clothing Required
6. Use of Property Regulated
7. Pets Prohibited
8. Other Prohibited Conduct
9. Criminal Misconduct Prohibited

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#### 10. Inspection of Bags, Briefcases, and Carrying Cases

#### **RULE 1: LOUD NOISES PROHIBITED**

No person within the Library or upon Library property shall make or perform loud or unreasonable noises or acts. Loud conversations, boisterous behavior, disruptive uses of equipment (including but not limited to, telephones, beepers, radios, or other audio equipment), and/or the congregation of persons which cause, or tend to cause, interruptions, disturbances, or interferences with the reading, study or research of other Library patrons are prohibited.

This rule does not prohibit ordinary, quiet conversation (1) between patrons and/or staff members necessary for Library programs or business, and (2) among students as a joint study project.

#### **RULE 2: LOITERING PROHIBITED**

Loitering is prohibited, and loiterers shall be required to leave the Library premises. Police may be summoned to compel removal as necessary.

1. Definition: As used in this Rule "loitering" shall mean remaining idle in essentially one location, without using any Library books or materials; shall include the concepts of spending time idly, loafing, or walking about aimlessly; and shall also include the colloquial expression "hanging around."
2. Certain types of loitering prohibited: No person shall loiter in the Library or upon Library property in such a manner as to:
  - a) create, or cause to be created, danger of a breach of the peace;
  - b) create, or cause to be created, any disturbance or annoyance to the comfort and repose of any other person;
  - c) obstruct the free passage of Library patrons; and/or
  - d) obstruct, molest or interfere with any other person lawfully in the Library or upon Library Property.

This prohibition shall include the making of unsolicited remarks of any offensive, disgusting, or insulting nature or which are calculated to annoy or disturb another person to whom, or in whose

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hearing, the remarks are made.

3. Request to leave: Whenever the presence of any person in the Library or upon Library property is causing or is likely to cause any of the conditions enumerated in paragraph (2) any Library Staff member may order that person to leave the Library premises. Any person who shall refuse to leave after being ordered to do so by a Library Staff member shall be guilty of violation of this Rule and be subject to the penalties for such violation.

#### **RULE 3: SMOKING PROHIBITED**

Smoking is prohibited within the Library or upon Library property.

#### **RULE 4: EATING AND DRINKING RESTRICTED**

Except for water fountains and authorized events, there shall be neither drinking nor eating in the Library or upon Library property.

#### **RULE 5 CLOTHING REQUIRED**

No person shall be allowed into, or be permitted to remain in, the Library unless fully clothed and wearing shoes, sandals, or other footwear.

#### **RULE 6: USE OF PROPERTY REGULATED**

No person shall sit on any table. No person shall place his or her feet on any furniture, equipment, materials, or shelving. No Library property shall be damaged or defaced.

#### **RULE 7: PETS PROBITIED**

Except for service or guide dogs, no pets or animals are to be brought inside the Library building.

#### **RULE 8: OTHER PROHIBITED CONDUCT**

1. Political or other campaigning, petitioning, interviewing, surveying, soliciting and/or selling are prohibited. There shall be no posting nor distribution of materials, papers, bulletins, or documents, within the Library building or upon Library property, except as permitted, in writing, by the Librarian for non-profit educational, cultural, governmental,

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civic, or recreational organizations after written applications therefore. Denials of applications shall be subject to review, affirmation or reversal, by the Library Board after written appeal taken from the Librarian's action.

2. No person shall use or perform obscene, abusive, or threatening language, gestures, or conduct, within the Library building or upon Library property.
3. No person shall physically abuse or harm another person within the Library building or upon Library property.
4. No person shall use or consume alcoholic beverages within the Library building or upon Library property, except as authorized for permitted events or activities.
5. No person within the Library shall be in a condition of poor personal hygiene, creating an offensive body odor, which is disruptive of other Library patrons, which constitutes a nuisance, which causes other patrons to leave the Library, or which prevents Library staff or employees from performing their duties.
6. Except for washing of hands or face, no person shall wash or bathe within any Library washroom.
7. No person shall sleep within the Library building or upon Library property.
8. No person shall use or consume controlled substances (as defined and prohibited by federal and Illinois laws) within the Library building or upon Library property.

### **RULE 9: CRIMINAL MISCONDUCT PROHIBITED**

No person shall violate any La Grange Park Public Library Ordinance; any Village of La Grange Park Ordinance; any Village of La Grange Park regulation; or any federal act, statute, law, or regulation within the Library building or upon Library property.

### **RULE 10: INSPECTION OF BAGS, BRIEFCASES, AND CARRYING CASES**

All bags, briefcases, and carrying cases or boxes, brought into or taken out of the Library may be inspected by the Library staff. All persons entering the Library shall be deemed to have granted permission for such inspection at all times within the Library building.

### **SECTION TWO:**

Any person violating any provision or rule of this Ordinance shall be subject to (1) removal or

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expulsion from the Library premises; and/or (2) denial or revocation of Library privileges; and/or (3) reimbursing the Library District for all damages caused or resulting from such violations; and/or (4) upon conviction thereof, or judgment therefore, all fines, costs, attorney's fees, and penalties as prescribed and provided by the Illinois Public Library District Act, and any amendments thereto, or by law.

### SECTION THREE:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval, adoption, and enactment, as provided by law; and, upon such enactment, Ordinance "No. 67," March 20, 1990, shall be repealed to the extent inconsistent herewith. The Secretary shall publish this Ordinance by preparing copies in pamphlet form and by posting in the Library.

Passed, approved, adopted, and enacted, this 18th day of May 1993.

Library Trustees:                      Ayes: 7              Nays: 0              Absent: 0