CONDUCT POLICY



POLICY NUMBER: 6.01

SCOPE: This policy applies to all patrons and staff in every facility of the Whatcom

County Library System.

The goal of the Whatcom County Library System is to protect each individual's use and enjoyment of WCLS services. The Board of Trustees has established this policy to protect the rights and safety of WCLS patrons and staff; to preserve WCLS's materials, equipment, and property; and to enable staff to provide everyone with good library service.

Any activity prohibited by law or any other conduct that interferes with others' use, safety, or enjoyment of the library is not allowed in Whatcom County Library System Branch Libraries.

The Executive Director is responsible for establishing administrative policy and procedures necessary to carry out this Board policy, which shall include the posting of rules prominently in each library. These rules will be enforced in a fair and reasonable manner. WCLS staff or local law enforcement officers will intervene to stop prohibited activities and behaviors.

Library privileges may be limited or revoked for violating any of the rules. WCLS may withdraw permission for a person to re-enter its facilities if the person continues violating the rules or if a person's physical condition is deemed offensive or dangerous to other library patrons (RCW 27.12.290).

STATUTORY REFERENCE: RCW 27.12.290 Violators may be excluded.

ADOPTED by the Whatcom County Library System Board of Trustees September 18, 1995.

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