

Patron Behavior Policy and Concerning Pandemic Procedures and Mask Wearing Policies

A continuing goal of the Drummond Public Library is to provide a safe and welcoming environment which encourages use of the library's services and holdings.

Patrons and others on the premises of the Drummond Public Library accept the responsibility for conducting themselves in a manner that does not interfere with that goal.

Patrons are expected to conduct themselves in a manner respectful of themselves and others. Behavior which violates this policy may result in an intervention including removal of that person(s) as a result of that decision by the Library Director and/or library staff.

Interfering with the safe and healthful use of the facility runs counter to the library's goals. The Drummond Public Library, until recently, has not had to concern itself with the spread of pandemic related viruses. This has changed. The Drummond Public Library takes its' responsibility to keep its' patrons informed, safe and healthful. When a posted mask wearing policy is in effect, patrons and visitors are expected to comply with that posting. If a patron or visitor indicates that mask wearing for him/her will not happen in the library, the Director or staff will reiterate the need for wearing a mask. The Director or staff is not expected to physically redirect the patron, however.

It is expected that a patron refusing to wear a mask would conduct their business in an abbreviated manner and leave the facility. Limiting exposure to other patrons.

If in the judgment of the Director or staff, the situation is escalating, contact with law enforcement may occur. The purpose of contact with law enforcement is for the purpose of de-escalating the situation. Removal of the patron or visitor by law enforcement may occur if the patron or visitor chooses not to leave voluntarily. The Drummond Public Library views contact with law enforcement as an unusual situation but reserves the right to do so if deemed necessary.

Patrons and visitors who are removed from the library, have the right to contact the Library's Board of Trustees who will review the details of the removal and decide whether a future ruling is warranted. The ruling is expected to be made within one month of the removal.

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