RAMONA LITSCHER VAN ASTEN COMMONS USE POLICY

PURPOSE

The Appleton Public Library ("library") welcomes all people to use its facilities and services. To maintain an atmosphere of constructive library use, the following policy regarding appropriate use of the Ramona Litscher Van Asten Commons ("Commons"), including the Community Table, is adopted.

POLICY

1. Intended Use

The Commons is designed as a gathering and discovery space that will feature a variety of rotating displays, exhibits, installations, activities, and services curated by library staff.

Other intended uses include:

a) Library staff may partner with community agencies and contracted presenters to provide free services at a designated Community Table in the Commons.
b) Patrons may use the provided seating for individual use or to gather with others.

2. Prohibited Activities

The following activities, in addition to any other activity prohibited by policy, ordinance, or statute, are prohibited in the Commons:

a) Reservation of seating or tables.
b) Unauthorized displays, exhibits, installations, activities, or services.
c) Petitioning, solicitation, canvassing, surveying or distribution of literature as noted in the Handouts, Bulletin Board Postings, Notices, and Petitioning Policy.
d) Disruptive, unsafe, illegal, or damaging behavior.

3. Enforcement

Library staff is authorized to enforce this policy and may request that any persons using the Commons inappropriately or not for its intended use leave the Commons or the library, pursuant to the library's Safety and Security Policy.

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