

## **Shiocton Public Library Smoking and Tobacco Use Policy**

Patrons of the library have the right to use materials and services without being unduly disturbed or impeded by other users. While patrons and staff have the right to a secure and congenial environment, tobacco use, smoking and second-hand smoke pose a health risk and create an unpleasant environment for non-tobacco users.

For the purpose of this policy, “use of tobacco” means to chew or maintain any substance containing tobacco, including smokeless tobacco, in the mouth to derive the effects of tobacco, as well as uses of tobacco, including cigars, cigarettes, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, any other matter or substances that contain tobacco, in addition to papers used to roll cigarettes and/or the smoking of electronic, “vapor”, or other substitute forms of cigarettes, clove cigarettes, and any other lighted smoking devices for burning tobacco or any other substance.

Accordingly, the Shiocton Public Library prohibits use of tobacco in any form on the library premises or at library-sponsored events.

Staff who observes persons in violation are required to inform them of the policy and ask them to comply. In case of non-compliance, staff may ask patrons to leave library property until they comply or summon the Police to cite violators for trespassing if necessary. Repeat or flagrant offenders may forfeit library use privileges.

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