

NO LOITERING ON PREMISES - PROPOSED POLICY

INTRODUCTION

The facilities and grounds of the Mid-Hudson Library System, located at 103 and 105 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, ("premises"), are not places of unrestricted public access. It shall be the policy of the Mid-Hudson Library System that the premises are limited to supporting, addressing and furthering the purpose of its mission and plans of service, and any behavior that is not in accordance with the intended use of those spaces as governed by the mission and plans of service is strictly prohibited. "NO LOITERING" and "NO TRESPASSING" signs are posted on the interior and exterior common areas of the premises.

PURPOSE

This policy enables employees and agents of the Mid-Hudson Library System ("employees and agents") to exercise their authority to regulate the use of the premises. This policy is consistent with the guidelines for the development and implementation of policies, regulations and procedures affecting access to equipment, materials, services and facilities on the premises.

DEFINITION OF LOITERING

This policy defines "loitering" as the act of entering and remaining in any internal or external area of the premises, with no apparent purpose and without the apparent intent to use the facility's offerings located in that area. Loitering includes but is not limited to the following:

- Roaming, walking, remaining on the premises (including but not limited to driveways, parking lots, steps, stoops, ramps, entrances, loading bay or other common areas) with no apparent purpose or intent to use any part of the facility for its intended use.
- Standing, sitting, lying anywhere on the premises in such a manner that sufficiently disturbs employees, guests, or agents, or blocks or obstructs potential or actual traffic, obstructs use of the facilities, or inhibits employees or agents from executing their legitimate duties and activities.
- The illicit use or misuse of any facility materials, equipment or other property on any part of the premises by any person.
- Any disorderly or disruptive behavior within any area of the premises, including due to intoxication by alcoholic beverages or controlled substances.
- Remaining in any part of the premises for purposes of unlawfully using or possessing a controlled substance.

ENFORCEMENT

Any person who is misusing the facility, equipment or otherwise disrupting employees, guests, or agents will be deemed to be violating the policy, and will be required to leave the premises. Mid-Hudson Library System employees and its agents are authorized to call for police assistance. The City of Poughkeepsie Police Department, and its employees and agents, are duly authorized to enter the premises to assist in the enforcement of this policy.