

State Library of Western Australia

LIBRARY USE POLICY

1. Purpose

To ensure that visitors to the State Library are aware of the expected standards of behaviour in the public areas of the building.

2. Scope

The policy applies to all clients of, and visitors to, the State Library.

3. Context

The current policies on use of the State Library's client areas are underpinned by *Regulations for the Conduct of the State Library*. Since the *Regulations* were gazetted in the 1950s a very different library and social environment has emerged. The Library must now seek to balance its commitment to preserving and protecting its collections and ensuring the well being of its clients with the need to provide an environment that is in keeping with the needs of the community it serves in more contemporary times.

4. Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Library Board of Western Australia that:

Visitors to the State Library of Western Australia shall find a safe and welcoming place where their needs and interests can be pursued freely and where spaces, resources and services are inclusive and recognise diversity. Clients must respect the needs, sensitivities and rights of others while enjoying all that the State Library has to offer. Clients must also be respectful of the Library's materials and its property. Clients must meet acceptable levels of personal hygiene and dress in the interests of health and safety and other clients. Ongoing inappropriate behaviour by clients may lead to exclusion from the Library premises.

5. Responsibilities

Director Client Services (content).

6. References

Regulations for the Conduct of the State Library; Library Use policies of other state libraries across Australia.

7. Authorisation and Review

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