

**Geauga County Public Library
Operating Policy Manual**

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The library provides a smoke-free environment following Ohio's Smoke Free Workplace Act (ORC Chapter 3794) for all employees, patrons, vendors, outside contractors and other visitors to the library system's facilities. Smoking tobacco products, electronic substitutes, or other substances in all library facilities is prohibited.

Specifically, smoking in a library vestibule is prohibited. Smoking is prohibited within 25 feet of all library entrances and exits. Patrons who wish to briefly exit the library to smoke outside the building should do so in a way that does not force other patrons, entering or leaving the library, to inhale secondhand smoke.

Use of chewing tobacco, snuff, or any similar product in any library facility or on library premises is prohibited. The spitting of chewing tobacco (or similar products) on library premises is grounds for immediate expulsion from the library. The spitting of tobacco or similar products into a cup or similar device is not allowed in the library.

Signs restricting tobacco use are posted in all facilities.

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