

6—Library Facilities

6-1 Disaster Plan

The Palatine Public Library District (the Library) maintains a disaster plan that is reviewed annually and updated as needed. (Approved 9-9-09; Last Revised 5-18-21, Effective 6-1-21)

6-2 Emergency Manual

The Library maintains an emergency manual that is reviewed annually and updated as needed. (Approved 9-9-09; Last Revised 5-18-21, Effective 6-1-21)

6-3 Safety Drills

The Library has plans of action in case of fire, tornado, active shooters, and other emergencies. To prepare staff for emergencies, the Library will hold a minimum of two safety drills per year. (Approved 4-12-82; Last Revised 6-16-20, Effective 7-1-20)

6-4 Bomb Threats

The safety and well-being of visitors and staff are the primary consideration if a bomb threat occurs. The administration and staff will follow procedures established with fire and law enforcement agencies. These procedures are located in the Library's emergency manual. (Approved 8-13-86, Last Revised 5-18-21, Effective 6-1-21)

6-5 Smoking

All Library facilities are designated as smoke-free. No person may smoke in any area of Library facilities or garages, including in vehicles in the garage. Smoking is prohibited within 15 feet of any entrance. (Approved 8-8-90, Reapproved 5-11-16)

6-6 Building Cleaning

Library property should be clean and well-maintained at all times. The Executive Director will see that the facilities and grounds are cleaned and maintained according to an established maintenance schedule. All damage and repair needs should be reported to the Executive Director. (Approved 8-13-86, Last Revised 6-16-20, Effective 7-1-20)

6-7 Bloodborne Pathogens

Bloodborne pathogens are pathogenic microorganisms that are present in human blood and can cause disease in humans. These pathogens include, but are not limited to, hepatitis B virus (HBV) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Normal library operations are not likely to involve circumstances exposing employees and visitors to bloodborne pathogens. However, the Board recognizes that in extraordinary circumstances employees may potentially encounter bloodborne pathogens while fulfilling their duties. The Illinois Department of Labor has published minimum requirements for protection of employees in these instances. The Board accepts these standards and directs managerial staff to implement adequate procedures and training designed to prevent and minimize the occupational exposure of employees to bloodborne pathogens and other potentially infectious materials. (Approved 12/14/05; Last Revised 6-16-20, Effective 7-1-20)

6-8 Airborne Pathogens

Normal library operations are not likely to pose substantial risk to employees and visitors from airborne pathogens. However, the Board recognizes that in extraordinary circumstances airborne pathogens such as the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 may require extreme measures. During such times, the Library will follow requirements and restrictions from the State of Illinois set forth by the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and other state agencies. (Approved 6-16-20, Effective 7-1-20)

6-9 Noise Zones

Noise zones are designated and posted throughout areas of the Main Library. The purpose of these designated zones is to indicate conversation and activity levels patrons may expect in various areas of the library. Information about zone locations and explanations of each are found in Appendix 6A. (Approved 1-12-11, Reapproved 5-11-16)

6-10 Space Needs Assessment of Library Facilities

Periodically, and not less than every 10 years, an assessment of the space needs of the Library's facilities is conducted to respond to the evolving needs of the community. (Approved 9-9-09; Last Revised 5-9-18, Effective 6-1-18)

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