

Section: Administration

Subject: Denial or Restriction of Library Use

Effective Date: September 21, 2005

Summary: The purpose of this document is to establish the authority and procedures under which statute-mandated rules and regulations can be applied by the Library Board in denying or restricting library use.

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 12-1227 states:

“Every library established under, or governed by, the provisions of this act shall be free to the use of the inhabitants of the municipality in which located, subject always to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Library Board may adopt, and said board may exclude from the use of said library any and all persons who willfully violate such rules.”

Policy:

1. The right of free access to information for all individuals is basic to all aspects of library service. The policy of the Olathe Public Library is to extend the free use of its services as far as possible. Individual access will be restricted when effective access by others is hindered.
2. No general restrictions on circulation of materials or the provision of information may be made except as expressed directly in this Administrative Policy Manual or in procedures authorized by it.
3. The library rights and privileges of individuals described by statute or by Olathe Public Library policies or regulations may only be denied or restricted by decision of the Olathe Public Library Director or an expressly designated representative.
4. Any denial or restriction of library rights and privileges is eligible for a written request for an appeal to the Board of Directors of the Library.