



Tobacco Use Policy

The Geneva Public Library (“the Library”) is committed to protecting the health, welfare, and safety of patrons, employees, and volunteers by eliminating the use of tobacco products in and around the building.

The Library recognizes that:

- The U.S. Surgeon General has concluded that secondhand smoke is harmful to human health.
- Visible tobacco use contributes to the social acceptability, normalization, and perceived prevalence of tobacco use, factors which promote youth initiation and impede cessation.
- Tobacco products consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground, posing a risk of ingestion to children and animals, and incurring costly litter cleanup.

Therefore, the Library prohibits tobacco use in the building and on the grounds. This restriction includes the use of all forms of smoking devices and smokeless tobacco products: cigarettes, cigars, pipes, e-cigarettes/electronic vapor products, snuff, snus, and chewing tobacco.

This policy applies to all patrons, employees, and volunteers.

The Geneva Public Library adheres to all relevant state and local regulations, including [Public Health Law §1399-o](#).

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