

## **Alcohol Policy**

Rusk County Community Library recognizes that alcoholic beverages can sometimes served in conjunction with special events held at the Library, for private parties and events sponsored for or by the Library, and for private events held in the lower level of the Library. To this end, this policy governs when and under what circumstances alcoholic beverages may be used in the Library building:

Permission to serve/imbibe alcoholic beverages must be approved in advance of the event by the Library Director. The Director reserves the right to refuse permission for the use of alcohol for any reason. Parties can appeal the decision during a regular meeting of the Rusk County Community Library Board if they do not agree with the decision made by the Director.

Parties responsible for the event must agree that any and all damages to Library building, both inside and out, incurred as a result of the use of alcoholic beverages, are their responsibility to rectify at their own expense. This can include the cost of personnel time spent intervening with patrons, repairing damage, and/or cleaning that can occur as a result of imbibing alcohol during an event.

The delivery or sale of alcohol to persons under the age of 21 is prohibited.

A valid current driver's license or photo ID containing the holder's photograph or other appropriate forms of identification must be confirmed before the service of alcohol during Library-sponsored events.

Leftover beverages may not be left on the Library property after the event.

All appropriate permits needed to serve alcohol are the responsibility of the person/s holding the event. Private parties are not subject to permitting unless they plan to sell alcoholic beverages during their event, during which time a vendor permit must be acquired.

Alcohol may not be served in the upper level of the Library during regular service hours (Monday-Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 10am-1pm) unless in conjunction with the Library as a special event.

The Library reserves the right to ask patrons who are acting loudly, belligerently, and otherwise in violation of the Library Code of Conduct to leave the premises immediately. Failure to cooperate can result in losing privileges to the Library.

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