



FRESH START POLICY

Approved by the Rochester Public Library Board of Trustees on January 19, 2022.

Rochester Public Library (RPL), with a commitment to equity, accessibility, inclusivity, and antiracism, values customer input on library experiences. RPL offers an appeal process for customers who are trespassed for not following the Behavior Policy per Minnesota Statute 609.605.

Customers must complete the Fresh Start form at rplmn.org/policies or by calling RPL to begin the appeal process. If this appeal is denied by the Fresh Start Committee, customers may request a hearing before the RPL Board of Trustees or a neutral party assigned by the City Administrator. All hearing requests must be made in writing to the RPL Board of Trustees. Scheduling a hearing can take up to 2 months. Trespassed customers may not return to Library property; they may call RPL to ask about the status of their appeal.

If the Trespass Notice was issued because of harassment, a threat, or any form of violence, the Fresh Start Committee and RPL Board of Trustees can refuse the request.

After a Trespass Notice has been resolved, customers are welcome back to RPL with a fresh start.