

**Lynchburg Public Library  
Policy Manual**

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**PERSONAL BELONGINGS POLICY**

To ensure a safe, accessible, and comfortable environment for all patrons, the Lynchburg Public Library limits personal belongings to **two bags per person** while inside the library.

**Why This Policy Is in Place:**

- **Safety:** Excessive belongings can create tripping hazards and obstruct pathways.
- **Accessibility:** Keeping aisles and seating areas clear ensures that all patrons, including those with mobility needs, can move freely and access library resources.
- **Shared Space:** The library is a community space, and limiting bags helps maintain a welcoming and clutter-free environment for everyone.

**Guidelines:**

- Each patron may bring up to **two bags** into the library.
- Bags should be kept with you at all times; unattended belongings may be removed by staff.
- Large items such as suitcases, rolling carts, oversized backpacks, or bedrolls are not permitted.
- Storage space during library visitation is available in the front entrance vestibule, however library staff are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged belongings. Items are left at the patron's own risk.

Patrons who need accommodations due to medical or accessibility-related reasons are encouraged to speak with library staff.

Failure to comply with this policy may result in a request to remove excess belongings or, in repeated cases, a temporary suspension of library privileges.

Thank you for helping us keep the library a safe and welcoming space for all!