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charge and control of the Librarian of Congress and to all persons entering in or on such property.

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§ 702.2 Access to Library buildings and collections.

Admittance and movement of visitors in Library buildings will be restricted to the areas providing facilities and services to the public during announced hours of public opening. Persons having legitimate business in areas closed to the public may be admitted after identification by responsible officials in the building or by authority as evidenced by a building access pass issued by the Associate Librarian for Management.

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§ 702.3 Conduct on Library premises.

(a) All persons using the premises shall conduct themselves in such manner as not to affect detrimentally the peace, tranquility, and good order of the Library. Such persons shall:

(1) Use areas that are open to them only at the times those areas are open to them and only for the purposes for which those areas are intended;

(2) Comply with any lawful order of the police or of other authorized individuals; and

(3) Comply with official signs of a restrictive or directory nature.

(b) All persons using the premises shall refrain from:

(1) Creating any hazard to persons or property, such as by fighting or by throwing or deliberately dropping any breakable article, such as glass, pottery, or any sharp article, or stones or other missiles;

(2) Using Library facilities for living accommodation purposes, such as unauthorized bathing, sleeping, or storage of personal belongings, regardless of the specific intent of the individual;

(3) Engaging in inordinately loud or noisy activities;

(4) Disposing of rubbish other than in receptacles provided for that purpose;

(5) Throwing articles of any kind from or at a Library building or appurtenance;

(6) Committing any obscene or indecent act such as prurient prying, indecent exposure, and soliciting for illegal purposes;

(7) Removing, defacing, damaging, or in any other way so misusing a statue, seat, wall, fountain, or other architectural feature or any tree, shrub, plant, or turf;

(8) Stepping upon or climbing upon any statue, fountain, or other ornamental architectural feature or any tree, shrub, or plant;

(9) Bathing or swimming in any fountain;

(10) Painting, marking or writing on, or posting or otherwise affixing any handbill or sign upon any part of a Library building or appurtenance, except on bulletin boards installed for that purpose and with the appropriate authorization;

(11) Bringing any animal onto Library buildings and turf other than dogs trained to assist hearing or visually impaired persons;

(12) Threatening the physical well-being of an individual; and

(13) Unreasonably obstructing reading rooms, food service facilities, entrances, foyers, lobbies, corridors, offices, elevators, stairways, or parking lots in such manner as to impede or disrupt the performance of official duties by the Library staff or to prevent Library patrons from using or viewing the collections.

(c) Public reading rooms, research facilities, and catalog rooms are designated as nonpublic forums. As such, they shall be used only for quiet scholarly research or educational purposes requiring use of Library materials. All persons using these areas shall comply with the rules in effect in the various public reading rooms, shall avoid disturbing other readers, and shall refrain from, but not limited to,

(1) Eating, drinking, or smoking in areas where these activities are expressly prohibited;

(2) Using loud language or making disruptive noises;

(3) Using any musical instrument or device, loudspeaker, sound amplifier, or other similar machine or device for the production or reproduction of

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sound, except for devices to assist hearing or visually impaired persons, without authorization;

(4) Interfering by offensive personal hygiene with the use of the area by other persons;

(5) Spitting, defecating, urinating, or similar disruptive activities;

(6) Intentionally abusing the furniture or furnishings in the area;

(7) Intentionally damaging any item from the collections of the Library of Congress or any item of Library property;

(8) Using computing terminals for purposes other than searching or training persons to search the Library's data bases or those under contract to the Library, or misusing the terminals by intentional improper or obstructive searching; and

(9) Using the Library's photocopy machines for purposes other than copying Library materials whenever other persons are waiting in line.

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§ 702.4 Demonstrations.

(a) Library buildings and grounds are designated as limited public forums, except for those areas designated as nonpublic forums. However, only Library grounds (defined in 2 U.S.C. 167j), not buildings, may be utilized for demonstrations, including assembling, marching, picketing, or rallying. In addition, as the need for the determination of other matters arises, The Librarian will determine what additional First Amendment activities may not be permitted in a limited public forum. In making such determination, The Librarian will consider only whether the intended activity is incompatible with the primary purpose and intended use of that area.

(b) The only areas of the Library grounds that are designated for use for demonstrations are the following:

(1) *Thomas Jefferson Building*: The Neptune Plaza and the interior sidewalks on the north and south sides of the building;

(2) *John Adams Building*: The plaza in front of the south entrance to the building; and

(3) *James Madison Building*: The portion of Independence Plaza between the pylons that demarcate the driveway

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and Independence Avenue, and the western and eastern ends of the plaza beyond the ramps for the handicapped.

(c) Persons seeking to use such designated areas for the purpose of demonstrations shall first secure written permission from the Associate Librarian for Management. An application for such permission shall be filed with the Library Support Services Office no later than three workdays before the time of the proposed demonstration. Permission to demonstrate shall be based upon—

(1) The availability of the requested location and

(2) The likelihood that the demonstration will not interfere with Library operations or exceed city noise limitations as defined by District of Columbia regulations (26 D.C. Reg. 229 and 24 D.C. Reg. 293).

(d) No person(s) having permission to demonstrate pursuant to this Regulation shall at any time block either the entrances to or exits from the Library buildings nor shall such person(s) harass, intimidate, or otherwise interfere with the use of the Library's facilities by persons not participating in the demonstration.

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§ 702.5 Photographs.

Photographs for advertising or commercial purposes may be taken only with the permission of the Library's Information Officer. Cameras and other photographic equipment may be carried on the premises, but their use in certain areas may be restricted by rules or posted signs. Persons using still, motion picture, or video cameras with flash attachments or lights or with tripods or other stationary equipment shall obtain the prior permission of the Library's Information Officer.

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§ 702.6 Gambling.

Participation in any illegal gambling, such as the operation of gambling devices, the conduct of an illegal pool or lottery, or the unauthorized sale or purchase of numbers or lottery tickets, on the premises is prohibited.

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