



Library Services and the Homeless: A Legal Perspective

Agenda and Key Resources

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Agenda

Background: Library services and homeless users

Behavior policies and the law

- Equal enforcement
- Notice
- Due Process (Appeals)

Specific issues - harassment, hygiene, loitering, begging

Key Resources

American Library Association Policy Manual 61. [Library Services for the Poor](http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/governingdocs/policymanual/servicespoor.htm)
www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/governingdocs/policymanual/servicespoor.htm

American Library Association. Office for Literacy and Outreach Services. [Subcommittee on Library Services to the Poor & Homeless](http://www.ala.org/ala/olos/aboutolos/subcommonph/subcommittee.htm)
www.ala.org/ala/olos/aboutolos/subcommonph/subcommittee.htm

American Library Association. Social Responsibilities Round Table. [Hunger, Homelessness & Poverty Task Force](http://www.hhptf.org). John Gehner, Coordinator jgehner@hhptf.org
Formed by ALA to implement ALA Policy 61
www.hhptf.org

Kevin Barbieux, [The Homeless Guy](http://www.thehomelessguy.blogspot.com)
Written by a homeless man (partially using library computers)
www.thehomelessguy.blogspot.com

John Gehner and Kali Freeman, [Just a Little Understanding: A Social-Service Provider's Perspective on Homeless Library Users](http://www.hhptf.org/index.php?id=5), report on April 13, 2005 broad discussion on homelessness and libraries with Minneapolis shelter specialist, John Petroskas. Suggestions on how to approach people who talk to themselves, how social workers can help librarians and more. Sponsored by St. Kate's PLG Student Chapter with accompanying [podcast](http://www.hhptf.org/index.php?id=5)
www.hhptf.org/index.php?id=5 (September 19, 2005)

Mary Minow, [Selected California State Laws of Interest in Drafting Patron Behavior Rules in Libraries](http://www.librarylaw.com/BehaviorStateLaws.htm)
www.librarylaw.com/BehaviorStateLaws.htm

Anne Turner, [It Comes with the Territory: Handling Problem Situations in Libraries](http://www.mcfarland.com), (McFarland: 2004).
Practical advice

Karen Venturella, ed., Poor [People and Library Services](http://www.mcfarland.com) (McFarland: 1998).
Essays ranging from theoretical to practical means to meet needs of low income populations