

## Kayak Loan Program Policy

All users of the kayaks and related equipment; and parents or guardians of minors, are responsible for understanding the Sunderland Public Library Kayak Loan Program Policy.

Only people who have signed a Kayak Loan Program Release and Policy, or in the case of minors (age 10 – 17), have had a Release and Policy signed for them by a parent or legal guardian and submitted both documents to the Sunderland Public Library, may use the kayaks and related equipment.

Parents or legal guardians of children ages ten through seventeen must sign a Kayak Loan Program Release and Policy for equipment used with their children. Children may not use kayaks and related equipment without adult parental/guardian supervision. Children under the age of 14 may not operate a single kayak and must ride with an adult in a tandem kayak. All release terms apply to both borrowers and their children.

All references to kayaks and equipment, both in this Policy and in the Kayak Loan Program Release refer only to the particular water craft and associated gear made available at the discretion of the Sunderland Public Library and identified as available for the Loan Program on the date requested.

- Use of kayaks is based on availability of boats and appropriate life vests.
- Anyone using a kayak must wear a Coast Guard approved life vest (Life vests that are Coast Guard approved will state as such on the tag).
- People under the age of 18 may not use kayaks without an adult to accompany them.
- All borrowers must have a valid C/W MARS library card and must present it and a valid driver's license, State ID, or passport to borrow a kayak.
- All people who plan to use the kayaks (not just those who are borrowing the kayaks) must read and sign the Kayak Loan Program Release and Loan Program Policy every time they use a kayak.
- Call the library at 413-665-2642 to check availability and reserve a kayak for same day use only.
- Kayaks can be borrowed for up to three days.
- Kayak loans cannot be renewed.
- Kayaks can be used only by persons who have signed a Release and Policy and submitted them to the library. Kayaks and related equipment cannot be loaned to others.
- Kayaks may be used only in the Connecticut River. Removing the equipment from Sunderland's Riverside Park or using the kayak in a location other than the Connecticut River is a violation of this borrowing agreement and may subject the borrower to an investigation for theft and/or conversion of Library property. Kayaks may not be brought to the borrower's home.
- When Borrowers have finished using a kayak, the Borrowers must return the boat to the storage facility and secure it with the locks provided.
- Kayaks must be used between sunrise and sunset. It is recommended that all users finish paddling one hour before sunset to allow enough light to properly secure boat in the storage facility.
- Borrowers are responsible for ensuring that the weather and river conditions are safe enough for kayaking at the time patrons plan to use the kayaks. Library staff may assist patrons in locating reputable resources for checking on those conditions.

- Kayaks may not be left unattended and unsecured at any time.
- Kayaks and all related equipment must be returned to the storage area on the due date. Keys to the storage area must be returned to the Sunderland Public Library on the due date. The keys may be returned in the library's book drop when the library is closed.
- Equipment (including parts) damaged, lost or more than 30 calendar days overdue will be promptly billed at the price listed in the item record.
- Failure to pay for lost or damaged Kayak Loan Program equipment of any kind will result in the loss of borrowing privileges at all C/W MARS Libraries.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand and agree to the above rules and (print name) regulations concerning library kayak use:

Borrower Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Due date and time \_\_\_\_\_

**Library staff:** Please verify Library card and identification checked, release read and signed, and policy read and signed. \_\_\_\_\_ (Library staff initial and date)

Patron Barcode: \_\_\_\_\_

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