



## ***Smoke-Free Policy***

The purpose of this policy is to provide for and promote the health, safety and welfare for all persons who enter the James Blackstone Memorial Library's property.

Each year, approximately 440,000 people in the United States die prematurely of diseases caused by tobacco. The Surgeon General concluded that there is no risk-free level of tobacco smoke exposure, including secondhand smoke and smoke residue. Medical studies have shown that any exposure to tobacco smoke causes immediate damage to the body that can lead to serious illness or death.

Smoking is prohibited on all property under the control of the James Blackstone Memorial Library at all times, including, but not limited to: buildings, grounds, entrances, sidewalks, parking lots. Smoking is defined as the use of cigarettes, pipes, cigars and other devices that produce smoke, including electronic cigarettes and water pipes.

*Adopted by the Library Board of Trustees October 1, 2014*