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(c) In the discharge of official duties, Library officials are authorized to inspect Government-owned or furnished property assigned to readers and the general public for their use, such as cabinets, lockers, and desks. Unauthorized property or contraband found in the possession of members of the Library staff, readers, or the general public as a result of such inspections will be subject to confiscation by Library officials.

[35 FR 19019, Dec. 16, 1970. Redesignated at 38 FR 27049, Sept. 28, 1973 and 52 FR 672, Jan. 8, 1987]

§ 702.11 Protection of property.

(a) Any person who shall steal, wrongfully deface, injure, mutilate, tear, or destroy library materials, or any portion thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than $2,000 or imprisoned not more than 3 years, or both (18 U.S.C. 641; 18 U.S.C. 1361; 18 U.S.C. 2071; and 22 D.C. Code 3106).

(b) Any person who embezzles, steals, purloins, or, without authority, disposes of anything of value of the United States, or willfully injures or commits any depredation against any Government property shall be punished by a fine of not more than $10,000 or imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both; but if the value of such property does not exceed the sum of $100, he shall be fined not more than $1,000 or imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both. (18 U.S.C. 641 and 18 U.S.C. 1361.)

[35 FR 19019, Dec. 16, 1970. Redesignated at 38 FR 27049, Sept. 28, 1973, and amended at 46 FR 48664, Oct. 2, 1981; further redesignated at 52 FR 672, Jan. 8, 1987]

§ 702.12 Smoking in Library buildings.

Smoking in Library buildings is prohibited except in those areas specifically designated for this purpose.

[35 FR 19019, Dec. 16, 1970. Redesignated at 38 FR 27049, Sept. 28, 1973 and 52 FR 672, Jan. 8, 1987]

§ 702.13 Space for meetings and special events.

The use of ''meeting places'' in the Library shall be limited to official staff functions, or functions sponsored by the Library. The Library's facilities are not available for meetings, performances or special events that: (a) Involve any organization practicing or promoting discrimination based upon race, religion, color, sex, age, marital status, handicap, national origin, or political affiliation; (b) have a partisan political, sectarian, or similar nature or purpose; (c) are sponsored by profit-making organizations that promote commercial enterprises or commodities.

[46 FR 48664, Oct. 2, 1981. Redesignated at 52 FR 672, Jan. 8, 1987]

§ 702.14 Soliciting, vending, debt collection, and distribution of handbills.

(a) The soliciting of alms and contributions, commercial soliciting and vending of all kinds, the display or distribution of commercial advertising, the offering or exposing of any article for sale, or the collecting of private debts on the grounds or within the buildings of the Library is prohibted. This rule does not apply to national or local drive for funds for welfare, health, or other purposes sponsored or approved by The Librarian of Congress, nor does it apply to authorized concessions, vending devices in approved areas, or as specifically allowed by the Associate Librarian for Management.

(b) Distribution of material such as pamphlets, handbills, and flyers is prohibited without prior approval of the Associate Librarian for Management.

(c) Peddlers and solicitors will not be permitted to enter Library buildings unless they have a specific appointment, and they will not be permitted to canvass Library buildings.

[52 FR 673, Jan. 8, 1987]

§ 702.15 Penalties.

(a) Persons violating provisions of 2 U.S.C. 167a to 167e, inclusive, regulations promulgated pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 167f, this Regulation, or other applicable Federal laws relating to the Library's property, including its collections, are subject to removal from the premises, to arrest, and to any additional penalties prescribed by law. In instances of mutilation or theft of Library materials or other Library property, prosecution by appropriate authorities shall be in accordance with