

# Midland Public Library

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Policy Title: **Breastfeeding Friendly Space**

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The Midland Public Library Board supports all breastfeeding parents and are proud to ensure that the Midland Public Library is a breastfeeding friendly facility. This policy has been created to support visiting breastfeeding parents to breastfeed within the Midland Public Library and to provide any conditions, including, but not limited to, time, space and support necessary to facilitate breastfeeding.

Midland Public Library promotes and supports breastfeeding and the expression of breastmilk by members of the public when they are visitors to our Library. Upon request, staff will provide assistance to visitors who wish to breastfeed their child by providing a location comfortable to both child and parent, where space is available. Pursuant to the Ontario Human Rights Code, staff will not disturb breastfeeding parents, ask them to “cover up,” or move to another area that is more “discreet.”

All Library staff members will support the needs and rights of breastfeeding parents. If another patron or visitor to the Library objects to breastfeeding they will be told management and the Midland Public Library Board supports breastfeeding.