Forest Park Cares Assistance Policy

The Forest Park Public Library is frequently patronized by those in the community experiencing homelessness, housing insecurity, and poverty. The Library is an integral part of the local network that supports visitors experiencing needs arising from these issues by acting as a resource for many different things: a safe space, information, and connection to resources.

It is, therefore, the Policy of the Forest Park Public Library to designate a conspicuous location within the Library (referred to as the "Comfort Cabinet") which shall serve as a resource of supplies donated by community members for Library visitors in need. Along with the Comfort Cabinet, the Library will maintain a fund into which will be deposited the proceeds from the sale of donated books or other Library related materials as well as donated funds to be used to support patrons in need to, for example, use the pay phone or pay for transportation to shelter or other necessary resources. This fund shall be comprised solely of donated monies and grant awards.

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