Community Users of Ryan Library

It is the policy of Ryan Library to make its resources available to the public. Members of the community surrounding PLNU are welcome to use the library for research or study, and community library cards may be purchased at the Reference desk. The information provided in this document is offered as an overview and does not include the entirety of specific policies regarding various aspects of library use. Questions should be directed to a librarian by calling 619-849-2337 or emailing RefLib@pointloma.edu.

Library Facility
With or without purchasing a library card, community users are welcome to access the library’s print and electronic resources while in the library building. Photocopiers are available for public use, as are restrooms, drinking fountains, and seating areas. Several pieces of artwork in the library may be of interest to community visitors:

- Glockenspiel and Carillon
- Painting: “Cramming” – Norman Rockwell
- Painting: “Quiberon” – Eugene Louis Boudin
- Sculpture (unnamed) – Peter Mitten
- Paintings (numerous) – Spiros John Karras

Library Cards
Library cards for community users are valid for one year from the date of purchase ($20) and provide the following privileges:

- Checkout of up to 15 circulating books at a time
- 3-week loan period; one 3-week renewal (renewals may be unavailable for some books)
- Library cards for community users do not provide interlibrary loan privileges or remote access to online subscription resources

Library Computers
Community users may use library computers to conduct research, search online employment listings, or briefly access their email accounts. PLNU students, staff, and faculty are always the library’s top priority. At busy times, community users may be asked to relinquish a computer terminal for student use. Please review the posted guidelines regarding use of library computers by members of the community.

Please Note
Community members who disrupt use of the library by PLNU students, faculty, or staff may be asked to leave at the discretion of library personnel. Community users may not sleep in the library; attempt to sell any goods, products, or services; or attempt to recruit students for any reason. As a part of Point Loma Nazarene University, the library facility and resources are private property; anyone who poses a direct or implied threat to any member of the campus community will be asked to leave the premises immediately.