

BERWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY PATRON CODE OF CONDUCT

To ensure that all patrons may have respectful and considerate use of the Berwick Public Library, appropriate behavior is expected. Violation of any of the following rules will result in a warning and/or expulsion from the property. Whenever necessary, law enforcement will be contacted. The Library Director and the staff have authority to carry out all powers of this policy.

1. This is a one-room library and we are not a quiet library, but loud conversations or boisterous actions (such as running, yelling, etc.) are not respectful of other patrons. Please do not engage in such behavior or you will be asked to leave.
2. Patrons are only allowed in the library's public spaces, they not allowed in areas marked "STAFF ONLY", unless invited by staff.
3. Food and drink may be consumed in certain areas of the library away from books and materials. Drink containers must have a lid. All food wrappers and trash must be cleaned up.
4. No smoking anywhere in the building or on the property.
5. No weapons are to be on library property, except by law enforcement.
6. No destruction or mutilation of library property.
7. No riding of bicycles, skateboards, scooters or other vehicles in the parking lot for recreation.
8. No conduct which is disruptive to the operation of the library, harassing or threatening to patrons, staff or library property, or spoils the enjoyment of using the library for other patrons.
9. No filming staff or patrons without their consent.
9. Cell phone use is prohibited in the library building, however, if you need to make a personal call, please be respectful of other patrons and use your phone in the entryway to the building or take it outside.
10. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult at all times. An effort will be made to contact the parents of unattended children. Children who are causing a disturbance will be asked to leave or picked up by a guardian/adult. Children remaining on the premises after closing time will be reported to the Berwick Police Department.
11. Shirts and shoes are required in the library.

Anyone known to have violated any of the above rules or anyone known to have habitually violated the law may be excluded from the library as a matter of administrative policy. The Berwick Police Department will be contacted in severe instances.