

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. No loud talking or boisterous behavior (running, excessive seat changing, etc.)
2. 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.
3. No smoking anywhere in the building or on the property.
4. No weapons are to be on library property, except by law enforcement.
5. No destruction or mutilation of library property.
6. No riding of bicycles, skateboards, scooters or other vehicles in the parking lot for recreation.
7. No conduct which is disruptive to the operation of the library, threatening to patrons, staff or library property, or spoils the enjoyment of using the library for other patrons.
8. Cell phone use is not prohibited in the library building, however, if you need to make a personal call, please use your phone in the entryway to the building.
9. 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 dealt with as the need arises. Children remaining on the premises after closing time will be reported to the Berwick Police Department.
10. 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.