

# **BERNARDS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY**

## **PATRON BEHAVIOR POLICY**

This policy outlines the behavior standards in our library. Any patron not abiding by these standards may be required to leave the library premises; membership may be suspended or revoked. If illegal and/or unlawful activity is seen or suspected, the Bernards Township Police may be called. This policy is posted in the building.

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The Board of Trustees of the Bernards Township Library has adopted the following guidelines to allow its patrons to have a rewarding experience at the Library. **Patrons should:**

- **Engage in activities associated with the use of a public library.**
- **Respect the rights of other patrons and staff.**
- **Refrain from inappropriate activities, including but not limited to:**
  - **Using audio/video equipment so that others can hear it**
  - **Prolonged or loud use of a mobile phone**
  - **Viewing inappropriate websites**
  - **Bringing animals into the library except those needed to assist a patron with a disability, service animal trainees, or those that are part of Library programs**
  - **Misusing the restrooms**
  - **Engaging in disruptive conduct**
  - **Interfering with another patron's use of the library or with the library personnel's performance of their duties**
- **Appropriate clothing, including shirt and shoes, is required for all patrons while in the building.**
- **Limited drinking and snacking is permitted in the Library:**
  - **Snacks are permitted but not messy or aromatic foods**
  - **Beverages in spill proof containers are allowed**
  - **Food and drink pose a potential risk to other patrons and to library collections, equipment and furnishings. We therefore ask that you act responsibly when consuming food and drink in the Library.**
  - **Library staff reserves the right to request that Library users refrain from eating or drinking or leave the Library if their food is disturbing others.**