

**Policy**  
**Bernardsville Public Library**  
**Patron Rules of Conduct**

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In order to provide the best possible environment for all patrons, activities that might interfere with another person's use of the library or with the library personnel's performance of their duties are not allowed. Library privileges may be suspended for any violation.

Prohibited activities include but are not limited to:

- Leaving a child under the age of ten (10) unattended in the library (see *Unattended Children Policy*) – parents or caregivers are responsible for the conduct of children in their care regardless of their age. If a child is disruptive and cannot be quieted or calmed, the parent or caregiver must remove the child from the library.
- Talking loudly, making noise or engaging in other disruptive or unruly conduct. If others can hear, then you are too loud. This includes playing audio equipment that others can hear.
- Verbal interactions that may interfere with other patrons' right to a quiet environment. Patrons are encouraged to consider their proximity to others when studying together or holding discussions.
- Use of cell phones except in the vestibule – cell phone ringers must be turned off at all times.
- Using the Quiet Room improperly. The Quiet Room is for quiet use only. Patrons may not use this room for meetings or discussions.
- Engaging in any illegal activity while in the library building or while using library technology or resources.
- Damaging library property; carrying a weapon into the library unless authorized by law; eating or drinking; smoking; being under the influence of alcohol or drugs; removal of shoes or shirts.
- Bringing animals into the library except those needed to assist a patron with a disability.
- Misusing the restrooms (i.e., using as a laundry or washing facility or gathering place).
- Selling or soliciting (Borough Ordinance 4-5.12).
- Using skateboards, roller blades, scooters or any recreational wheeled conveyances are not allowed on library premises including the parking lot.

*Thank you for your cooperation.*