

# BURLINGTON (CT) PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## BEHAVIOR POLICY

**We welcome you to the Burlington Public Library. In order to make your visit a pleasant one, we ask for your cooperation in providing an environment enjoyable for EVERYONE.**

1. Parents and Guardians are responsible for the conduct of their children on library premises and must provide such reasonable supervision of their children as is appropriate based on the age of each child. See Connecticut State Law Senate Bill No. 1017 Public Act No. 97-298 (Approved July 8, 1997)
2. If a child younger than 12 is left unattended at the library, the library staff may request police assistance. If the police are called when a parent or guardian fails to pick up a child, it is regarded as risk of injury to a minor and is considered a criminal offense.
3. Parents should ensure that children maintain acceptable noise levels and appropriate play activities while visiting the library.
4. The lively acoustical nature of the circulation desk causes sounds to rebound and requires that conversation and activity should be kept to a level that will not disturb others. The library reserves the right to require that patrons take their conversations into the hall or outside the library.
5. Anyone using disruptive or abusive language or behaving in an unacceptable manner will be asked to leave the library. Staff members have the right to call the police if they feel threatened or harassed.
6. Please turn off or silence your cell phone when in the library. Cell phones may be used in the hall or outside the building.
7. Smoking, including the use of electronic devices, and the use of chewing tobacco are not permitted in any locations throughout the library. (State Statute Sec 19a-342 prohibits cigarettes, cigars, pipes or similar devices in a public building).
8. Soliciting by persons or groups other than the Burlington Library Association, also known as "The Friends," is NOT allowed in the library.
9. Covered liquids are permitted in the library. Food is not allowed in the library unless provided as part of a library function. Food is allowed in the Community Room.
10. Patrons will be allowed to use the library telephone only for brief local calls.
11. Animals should not be left unattended on the library grounds.
12. Shirt and shoes are to be worn in the library; cleats or wheeled shoes are not allowed in the building.