

## **DISCIPLINE POLICY FOR MINORS**

The Bennington Free Library is available to the public for reading, study and research. Reasonable rules are necessary to ensure that the Library can benefit as many people as possible. The rules below are in effect both within the Library building and outside on the Library grounds.

### **RULES**

1. Respect the library and its grounds.
  - a. Do not obstruct ramp for handicapped.
  - b. Bicycles should be parked in area provided.
  - c. Do not climb in trees, walk in or jump from garden areas.
  - d. Skateboarding on premises is prohibited.
  - e. Snacks and drinks are not permitted in library.
2. Respect other people's need to study and read quietly.
  - a. Use appropriate language, and low conversational tones.
  - b. Socializing in stacks is not permitted.
  - c. Cruising or running in building is not allowed.
3. Use of tobacco, drugs or alcohol on library premises is not allowed.
4. Plan to check out library materials 10 minutes before closing time.
5. Determination of appropriate behavior is left to the discretion of the library staff.
6. Staff may apply the Behavior Policy to minors as found appropriate.

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Staff may issue a verbal warning before imposing the following disciplines.

The offender is excluded from all library property:

- 1st offense: for one week.
- 2nd offense: for one week & may return only when accompanied by parent.
- 3rd offense: may not return unless accompanied by a parent in whose presence he/she must remain while in the library or on its grounds.

### **NOTE: FOR PARENTS OR CARE-GIVERS WITH CHILDREN:**

Children under 9 years of age must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Reasonable pick-up of toy corner is expected.

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