## **PUBLIC COMMENTS AT LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board of Library Directors wishes to provide an opportunity for public comment on library matters. Therefore, the Board offers a public comment period at each regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Library Directors.

The following guidelines are to be followed by anyone wishing to comment:

- Public comments are only permitted during the time designated on the meeting agenda.
- Speakers will have a maximum of three minutes for their comments.
- The Public Comment portion of the meeting shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- A sign-in sheet will be provided and any Burlington resident, or taxpayer, wishing to speak must add their name and address. Anyone refusing to identify themselves will not be permitted to speak.
- Groups wishing to speak must select one person to participate in public comment.
- Negative comments to individual Board Members or Library Personnel will not be tolerated, nor will repetitive comments or language that is considered offensive, harassing or profane. The President is responsible for the orderly comment of the meeting and shall rule on the appropriateness of speakers' presentation.
- Board members will not question or respond to speakers.
- Items will not be added to the agenda following public comment.
- All comments made at the meeting will become part of the meeting record and Board minutes will reflect the name of any speakers and the nature of their comment.

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