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In exercise of the powers conferred upon the Minister responsible for Libraries by section 6 of the Bermuda National Library Act 1946, the following Regulations are hereby made:—

Citation

- 1 These Regulations may be cited as the Bermuda National Library Regulations 1992.

Interpretation

- 2 In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

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“The Library” means the Bermuda National Library;

“member” means member of the Library, and “membership” has a corresponding meaning;

“prescribed” means prescribed, in accordance with section 9 of the Bermuda National Library Act 1946 [*title 28 item 12*], by regulations under the Government Fees Act 1965 .

[Regulation 2 amended by 1996:9 effective by notice in Official Gazette]

Structure of the Library

3 (1) The Library consists of—

- (a) an Adult Library, for use, subject to these Regulations, by persons of eighteen years of age or over;
- (b) a Youth Library, for use by other persons; and
- (c) such extensions and branches of the Library that may be established by the Minister.

(2) *[revoked]*

(3) *[revoked]*

[Regulation 3 paragraph (1) revoked and substituted by 2014 : 23 s. 7 effective 29 July 2014; paragraphs (2) and (3) revoked by BR 71 / 2014 reg. 2 effective 9 September 2014]

Membership of the Library

4 (1) Subject to paragraph (4), every person is entitled upon application to be admitted to membership without payment of a fee.

(2) A person under eighteen may upon application be admitted to membership if his application is signed by his parent or guardian—

- (a) supporting the application; and
- (b) stating the parent or guardian’s acceptance of responsibility for any loss or damage that the Library may suffer on account of any act or omission by the person under eighteen in question.

(3) Notwithstanding regulation 3(1), a person under eighteen admitted to membership under paragraph (2) of this regulation may use the Adult Library, with—

- (a) the Library’s consent; and
- (b) a signed authorization from his parent or guardian.

(4) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) a person of whatever age who is not resident in Bermuda may upon application be admitted to membership if he pays the prescribed fee.

[Regulation 4 paragraphs (2) and (3) amended by 2014 : 23 s.7 effective 29 July 2014]

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Refusal, cancellation and suspension of membership

5 (1) The Minister may after consulting the Bermuda National Library Committee determine that a person shall not be admitted to membership.

(2) Where a member has contravened regulation 6(2) or any prohibition in a notice made under regulation 10, being a prohibition applying to him, the Minister may after consulting the Bermuda National Library Committee cancel that person's membership or suspend it for such period as the Minister may deem fit.

[Regulation 5 amended by 1996:9 effective 1 July 2006]

Transfer of membership rights, etc.

6 (1) A member cannot transfer any of his membership rights to any other person.

(2) A member shall not without the Library's consent give or lend library material to any other person.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), the Director may give permission to any person, known to the Library Staff to belong to a member's household, to borrow Library material in that member's name with the member's consent.

[Regulation 6 amended by 2014 : 23 s. 7 effective 29 July 2014; Regulation 6(3) amended by 2018 : 21 s. 2 effective 28 May 2018]

Responsibility of member for Library material

7 A member remains responsible for Library material that he has borrowed or otherwise has until it is returned to the Library.

Fees

8 The prescribed fee shall be paid for the following matters—

- (a) membership by a person who is not resident in Bermuda;
- (b) issue of a replacement Library card;
- (c) keeping Library material beyond the time allowed;
- (d) reservation of Library material;
- (e) a search by the computerized searching service;
- (f) rental of software and electronic materials and equipment.

[Regulation 8 sub-paragraph (f) revoked and substituted by 2014 : 23 s. 7 effective 29 July 2014]

Suspension of borrowing rights for non-payment of overdue fees

9 A member who is required to pay a fee by virtue of regulation 8(c) shall not be permitted to use the Library's circulation service until the fee is paid.

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Director's notices

10 (1) The Director after consultation with the Minister may from time to time make and amend as he sees fit administrative notices providing for the management of the Library and regulating the conduct of members and others using it.

(2) A notice under paragraph (1) may not be at variance with anything in these Regulations.

(3) A notice under paragraph (1) shall be displayed appropriately on Library premises.

[Regulation 10 headnote and paragraph (1) amended by 2014 : 23 s. 7 effective 29 July 2014; Regulation 10 headnote and paragraph (1) amended by 2018 : 21 s. 2 effective 28 May 2018]

Restrictions on smoking, eating and drinking

11 A person shall not—

- (a) smoke; or
- (b) eat or drink,

on Library premises except in an area appointed by the Director for that purpose.

[Regulation 11 amended by 2014 : 23 s. 7 effective 29 July 2014; Regulation 11 amended by 2018 : 21 s. 2 effective 28 May 2018]

Offences

12 A person who contravened regulation 11 is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$100.

Revocation

13 The Bermuda Library Regulations 1971 and the Library (Prevention of Parking of Bicycles) Regulations 1943 are revoked.

[Amended by:

1996 : 9
2014 : 23
BR 71 / 2014
2018 : 21]