

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

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Visitors to Bethlehem Public Library board meetings are recognized by the president and asked to introduce themselves and identify the organization (if any) they represent.

At the start of a meeting, a maximum of 30 minutes is allowed for public comment. At the conclusion of a meeting, a maximum of 15 minutes is allowed for public comment. Individual participation is limited to three (3) minutes.

Citizens may comment on any library-related subject. The board does not allow discussion of matters irrelevant to library business. Board and staff members answer visitors' questions when the facts are immediately available; some questions may need to be referred for study and future response.

In lieu of participation in a board meeting, citizens may direct specific inquiries and complaints to the library director, and appeal to the board if a satisfactory resolution is not reached.