



ABINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Abington Middle School Parents

Dear Parents,

The Trustees and Staff of the Abington Public Library are looking forward to the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year and the opportunity to provide services to you and your child. The Library provides books, media, electronic books and databases which provide resources to fulfill school assignments and recreational reading. **Students in grades 5 to 8 may visit the Abington Public Library for short periods of time after school, unaccompanied by a parent or guardian. Space is limited and students and parents should have a transportation plan in case the Library reaches capacity.** Students younger than 5th grade must be accompanied by a responsible person who is at least 16 years of age. The Public Library will follow any in school COVID mitigation strategies as implemented by the Abington Public Schools for students visiting after school.

We also want to remind parents that the Library is a busy public building. Please remember that while the Abington Middle School is a secure building with controlled access, the Abington Public Library is a very public place with open access. Libraries, by their very nature, are public buildings more similar to shopping malls than schools, in that there are no requirements for adults to provide identification or undergo background safety checks in order to enter the public library. The Abington Public Library cannot assume responsibility for the safety of the individual child.

Adults, teens and children visiting the Abington Public Library are expected to conduct themselves appropriately. Parents with questions about the parameters of appropriate library behavior, or other concerns may contact Library Director Deborah Grimmatt at 781-982-2139 or via email at ablib@ocln.org.

With kind regards,

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