

Afterschool Time at the Library: Permission Slip

Parents and caregivers,

Set your child up for success! Please, consider whether your child is mature enough to handle being unsupervised in a public space before sending them to the library after school.

DO: Keep your child safe

- Children under 8 must be supervised by someone 12 years of age or older. If left unattended, you will be notified. If unreachable, the police will be called.
- Ensure your child knows how to contact you and that the library has your contact information.
- Any of your child's behaviors that staff deem unsafe, disruptive or disrespectful - to themselves, other children, staff, volunteers or other library patrons - will result in your child needing to leave the library (for the day or longer). This includes physical actions and verbal interactions, as well as damage to facilities, yard and landscaping, equipment or supplies.
- If your child engages in behavior that is unsafe, disruptive or disrespectful, you will be called and you must make arrangements to pick up your child. Your child will remain with library staff until you arrive.

DO: Make a plan with your child for afterschool time at the library

- What to do: e.g. reading, doing homework, screen time limits, exploring the library's activity books, participating in "Afterschool at the Library" structured activities
- How to behave appropriately
- Whether your child may leave the library to go outside, to the store or to other off-site locations

Discipline & Safety: Inappropriate behavior

- If a child engages in behavior that is unsafe, disruptive or disrespectful to themselves or anyone else, you will be called and you must make arrangements to pick up your child. Your child will remain with library staff until you arrive.
- Library staff will discuss the inappropriate behavior/incident with you and your child and review the library's behavior and use expectations.
- Repetitive misbehavior may be documented in an incident report and may result in loss of library privileges for a period of time determined by our Youth Services Manager and Library Director.

Discipline and safety is a partnership between the library and parents. If a parent is unreachable, police will be called. If a parent is unresponsive to the library's communication regarding discipline and safety, the library may revoke the child's library privilege for a period of time determined by our Youth Services Manager and Library Director.

I have read and understand these library behavior and use expectations. (initial here) _____

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Your Best Contact Information

Name _____

Child(ren)'s Name(s) _____

Relationship _____

Phone number _____