

Hello Mustang Parents!

It has been a year and a half since we've last welcomed kids into the library after school. Since that time, we have completely renovated the youth department and updated our after school expectations. We'd like to inform you of these changes here.

Please do not use the library as your pick up spot after school: Our parking lot is not equipped for after school pick up. We ask that anyone waiting for a ride wait on the sidewalk on School Street or inside the library. Students are not permitted to wait in the library foyer or outside the entrance door.

After school guidelines:

Our newly expanded "Teen Island" is available for students, 6th-12th grade, with a student ID or library card. The main areas of the library will be reserved for quietly playing with young children, working on homework, using the computer, or reading books. Please see the reverse side for a copy of our after school behavior expectations. Important things to note:

- The library reserves the right to ask any patron who violates our Behavior Policy to leave library property.
- If members of a group violate the behavior policy, all members of that group may be subject to the same consequences.
- We have zero-tolerance for fighting - We cannot always determine whether fighting is real or in play. Our policy is to call police when fighting occurs on our property.

Responsibility: Your students are just starting the process of learning how to be responsible, in public places, without having an adult with them. Some students are not quite ready for this responsibility. Those students may be asked to have an adult present with them in order to use the library. We are not equipped to be an after school care program.

Children in 5th grade or below MUST be accompanied by a caregiver over the age of 18.

The full behavior policy is available on our website www.lansingpl.org. Click "About Us", then click on library policies and mission, then click on Behavior Policy. We want the library to be a safe place for everyone in our community to use. Any questions can be directed to the following people:

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Lansing Public Library Afterschool Expectations for Students

We welcome all students to use the library facilities after school. The library requires all students to adhere to the following:

- **Aggressive behavior will not be tolerated toward visitors and staff - Examples Include:**
 - Abusive language, Verbal aggression or profanity, Sexual advances (verbal or physical), Threats, Physical assault, Arguing with staff
- **Entering the building** – All students must enter the library through the rear courtyard entrance. They are not permitted to hang out in the foyer area. If they impede traffic anywhere in the library they will be asked to leave.
- **Leaving the building** - When a student leaves the building, during after school hours, they will not be permitted to return the same day.
- **Food and Drink** – There is no food permitted. Drinks are permitted as long as there is a lid. Those who do not comply will be asked to leave.
- **Unattended belongings** - The library is not responsible for any items left unattended.
- **Behavior Policy** - All students will be required to follow the Lansing Public Library behavior policy.

If students are asked to leave three times during a semester they will not be permitted back into the library, without an accompanying adult, for a time period of one month. Depending on the severity of the infraction, a student may be banned without warning from library property for an amount of time to be determined by the head of the youth department. Students who refuse to leave when told, or return when they are not allowed back for a period of time, will have their ban extended and may be ticketed for trespassing.

We will occasionally have police officers in the building to help with after school crowds.