



ABINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Abington Middle School Parents

Dear Parents,

This will be a very different school year for your child. Services at the Abington Public Library have also changed dramatically due to the protocols required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for public library operations during the pandemic. Library hours have been curtailed, and at present the building is open fewer hours and for brief periods of browsing only. This means that there are no study tables or seating anywhere in the library and no teen computers.

The Board of Library Trustees voted in June to amend the Library's policy for student visits. Until the public health emergency has ended, **students younger than 14 years of age must be accompanied by a parent/guardian when visiting the Library. Teens 14 to 17 years of age must follow social distancing practices and be transportation independent. This means that the teen must be able to return home without waiting for a parent/caregiver/other person to provide transportation from the library. This is necessary due to the possibility of a sudden library closure for public health reasons.**

The Board of Library Trustees and I very much regret that these changes are required and that we will be unable to welcome unattended Middle School students after school. We look forward to resuming normal operations as soon as we can safely do so and will let you know when policies change. Family visits to the Library, curbside pickup of books, and digital services from our Overdrive and hoopla platforms are available to you and your child. Parents with questions or concerns may contact Library Director Deborah Grimmatt at 781-982-2139 or via email at ablib@ocln.org.

We hope that your family is well.

With kind regards,

Deborah Grimmatt
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