



Bent Northrop Memorial Library

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2018 -19 school year! The beginning of the school year is an exciting time at Bent Northrop Memorial Library as we are able to welcome new faces into the library and reconnect with old ones. It is also a great time to remind parents about the library policies regarding FCS students after school.

Our public library strives to offer individuals of all ages a safe, accessible, and empowering environment where learning, enjoyment, cultural and professional needs can be successfully met through materials, programs, services and technologies. While BNML welcomes your children each day, we want to be sure that we are all on the same page regarding student responsibility.

Once a child has been dismissed from school, FCS is no longer responsible for that student. If you choose to dismiss your child to the library, please know that we are not responsible for their travel to or from the library. *The library staff is here to assist patrons and provide information. They are not here in a supervisory role.*

We have the same expectations for our young patrons as we do for our adult patrons. Only children ages 8 and up are permitted to use the library without an adult present. We have found that not all 8 year olds have the discipline to use their time wisely - you know your child best.

As with all of our patrons, we provide unfettered access to materials - both print and digital - to children of all ages. We do not censor what they read, research, or how they connect with friends. For those not in the mood to start homework, we provide lots of games, puzzles, and of course, books! Every Wednesday until 5:00, we have a drop-in makerspace, where we provide supplies children can use to build and create in an open-ended environment. There are also certain days where we will offer structured programs during the after school hours. To stay updated on these, follow us on Facebook or check our website often.

Thanks for your support and we look forward to a great school year!

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