

# Bellingham Public Library

## School Year Library Services to BMS & BHS Students

Services provided on school days, schedule will vary on early release days:

### **ASK Program for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders from 2:30-4:45 pm**

Join Miss Diane for video games, Chromebooks, crafts, board games and more!

### **Teen Room for 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders from 2-5 pm**

Looking for something to do after school? Stop by the Teen Room!! Use the computers, WiiU, and XBox1, play board games, and hang out with friends!

## **Behavior Expectations**

- Please do not run, horse around, or throw things in any part of the library, including the parking lot and surrounding grounds.
- Please keep your hands, feet, etc. to yourself – even “just goofing” around with a friend has led to kids getting hurt.
- No food or drinks are allowed near computers or video game equipment.
- Food and drinks are permitted in the ASK and Teen Room programs but in order for this privilege to continue:
  - You must pick up after yourselves.
    - This includes:
      - Throwing your trash away in the appropriate bins.
      - Putting away any video game equipment or board games you used.
      - Putting chairs back in their original spots if you moved them.
    - Cleaning supplies will be available for you to use for any messes you make (vacuum, hand-wipes, cleaning wipes, etc.).
    - After eating, if you do not throw your trash away, you will lose the privilege of being able to have food in library programs.
    - If you see someone leaving a mess, please remind them to take care of it or everyone could eventually lose the privilege (which has happened in the past).
- Personal items:
  - In the Teen Room, your items must be stored in a cubby or on the coat hooks. Band instruments must be placed so they are in or against the cubbies.
  - For the ASK program, please store your items in the designated location.
  - Please be aware that we will not keep track of your stuff for you, so if you decide to leave it unattended you do so at your own risk. This also applies to cell phones that are left at a charging station.

- Be mindful of:
  - Your volume level (no yelling or shouting)
  - Swearing
  - Conversation topics – please keep them appropriate
  - Chairs are meant for one person at a time. You may not sit on or lay across another person.
  - Shoes must be worn at all times so please avoid puddles, mud, etc. when you're making your way here.
  
- Communicating with your parents:
  - The cell service in the library is not great so your parents may have an easier time getting in touch with you if they text instead of trying to call. Connecting to the library's Wi-Fi may help with service.
  - We will allow you to use our phone to contact a parent if you absolutely need to, but do not expect to be able to do this often as our phone lines are needed for library business.
  
- Bullying other kids or talking back to staff members will not be tolerated at all.
  
- If you misbehave:
  - You may/will be kicked off the library property for a length of time that we determine. Parents of 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be contacted.
  - Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders will be contacted if you would like us to notify them to pick you up.
  - If misbehavior continues, it may be determined that you are not mature enough to be at the library unless a parent is with you. Your parent will be notified and you will not be able to come to the library unless they accompany you.
  
- Outside of the library:
  - You are not allowed to hang out outside of the library unless you are in the picnic table area behind the library outside of the Teen Room.
    - The picnic tables are meant for you to sit on the bench seats and that's it. Standing on them, sitting on the tabletops, etc. will result in you getting kicked off the property and/or the tables being removed entirely.
    - You are not allowed to wait out in front of the library unless you are getting picked up within the next few minutes.
  - The parking lot can be dangerous!
    - It is often busy in the morning/after school hours and there have been multiple accidents over the past few years.
    - For your safety, do not play in or run across the parking lot. We are surrounded by sport fields - please go play there if you want to.
    - Please remind whoever is picking you up that they need to park their vehicles in a parking space while they are waiting for you to exit the library. We would prefer parents park in the gravel overflow lot or on the field access road so spaces near the library are available for patrons coming to the library.
    - Parking or waiting in a vehicle next to the girl statue, or blocking parking spaces, is not permitted as it prevents other patrons from entering and exiting the lot safely.