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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Bergenfield schools are now back in session and the unofficial start to Fall has arrived. The staff and Trustees of the Bergenfield Public Library wish you and your student a successful school year and are here to support your child's educational journey.

In February 2025, the Library began renovating its Young Adult Room with the support of federal grant CPFFNO185 awarded to the State of New Jersey by the U.S. Department of Treasury. This renovation has created a larger and more welcoming space for Bergenfield teens and tweens to gather safely after school to socialize and work on school assignments. Staff are planning many fun afternoon programs for your child. Please note that this updated space will be the only area where students may congregate in the building. Children are not permitted to sit on the floor or aisles at any time, nor are they allowed to congregate in groups in the public bathrooms.

Like last year, the Library will be running its Junior Library Council program for Bergenfield students (Grades 8-12) who are looking for volunteer opportunities or who need to fulfill community service requirements. Open enrollment will be held from September to December and the program runs from October 2025 through May 2026. Enrollment information will be posted on our website. Council members are required to complete various activities and attend mandatory monthly meetings in order to earn volunteer hours and a certificate. Activities span across different areas so that members have opportunities to engage with the library and broader community.

As a reminder, the Library is a public building open to all individuals. It is not the Library staff's responsibility to provide supervision or to care for children or their belongings while parents, guardians or caregivers are not present. Please note that while the Library does have security cameras on the premises, there are set guidelines concerning the accession and release of camera footage.

In addition, all visitors are required to follow the Code of Conduct, which includes our exterior grounds. Any student who does not follow the Library's Code of Conduct will be asked to leave the premises immediately and camera footage may be sent to Roy W. Brown administration for identification purposes. We encourage you to review the policy ahead of time with your child so everyone is aware of the rules and treats this brand new Young Adult Room in a respectful manner. All Library policies can be found via <https://www.bergenfieldlibrary.org/library-policies/>

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Sincerely,

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