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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.

The Library is happy to serve as a safe destination for students after school. Our recently renovated Young Adult Room offers a large and more welcoming space for Bergenfield teens and tweens to gather safely after school to socialize, participate in library programs or work on school assignments. 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 2026 through May 2027. Enrollment information will be posted our website. Council members are required to complete various activities and attend mandatory monthly meetings in order to earn volunteer hours and a certificate.

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.

During the first week of school, library staff will host multiple orientation sessions for teens to go over the Library's Code of Conduct and the behavior expected of everyone who uses the library, including the exterior grounds. This helps ensure that everyone starts the school year knowing the rules and what is expected of them. Throughout the school year, 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. 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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