



**MAYWOOD
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

The Maywood Library is excited to welcome you back!

We've been busy this summer with our renovation project, which we hope to complete late this year. In light of this, our children's room is still temporarily located in the lower level Hackbarth Auditorium, where it will remain for the duration of our remodel. All juvenile materials are accessible, and we have seating and computers available in this new temporary location for students through grade 8. Students in high school will be asked to use the upper level of the library, as space in the children's library is limited.

Please be advised that the Library parking lot is not a school pick-up zone. In line with our procedures that have been in place since 2015, the front entrance to the library parking lot on Maywood Avenue will be closed from 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm on weekdays. On days when Maywood Avenue School has an early dismissal, this gate will be closed half an hour prior to dismissal. The Library Board, Board of Education, and Police Department decided that this is the best way to ensure safety of all community members during this busy time. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

At this time, we plan to continue the after-school procedure outlined above, but please be advised that this might change as construction progresses and reaches completion. We'll keep in contact with you through the school and post updates on our website to make sure you're aware of any significant changes.

Please remember that students entering the Library after school must abide by the Library's Code of Conduct, which prohibits being disruptive to other patrons. All library patrons, including children, are expected to be respectful of library staff and patrons. If a child's behavior is deemed disrespectful or in violation of the Library's policies, they will be asked to leave the premises, which includes the library parking lot. Please be sure that your child has alternate arrangements in the event that their behavior necessitates removal from the Library. Also, please be aware of the Library's operating hours and be sure to pick up your children at least 15 minutes prior to closing.

If your child needs a library card, please accompany them to the library with proof of your Maywood residency, so we can sign them (and you!) up for a free library card. With your Maywood library card, you can take advantage of all we have to offer – like free museum passes, research databases, eBooks, streaming content, games, our new Library of Things, and of course - books!

The staff of the Maywood Library is eager to serve all students and their families this year, as well as the wider community. We look forward to an exciting year!

Sincerely,

Caitlin Hull
Library Director
Maywood Public Library