

Dear Parents,

The first of the year will see some necessary changes to the STEM program. STEM has become very popular and well-attended, which is wonderful news! This, however, creates some space and supervision concerns for the library.

As a result of our attendance growth, we will be splitting STEM into two groups to better accommodate the number of children present. **When STEM resumes on January 14th, 3rd and 4th grade students will have STEM on Tuesdays. On Thursdays, 5th graders will have STEM.**

Effective immediately, the STEM program will be changing its sign in policy to better supervise your child while he or she is at the library as following:

1. Your children must sign in and sign out of the program, noting what time they came and what time they left.
2. If your child is late to STEM, your child must still sign in, recording the accurate time of their arrival.
3. If a child is going home with someone who is not his/her parent, he/she must present a written note, giving parental permission. This same policy is in effect at the school to ensure your child's safety.
4. Children must wait inside of the library for their parent or guardian to pick them up. Your child cannot wait outside, in front of, or beside the library for you to arrive. If your child walks home after the STEM program, your child must inform a librarian that he or she is leaving and sign out.
5. If your child is signed up for STEM and is at the library after school, your child must participate in the STEM program. If your child does not wish to participate in the STEM program, your child must call you in the presence of a librarian for your permission to either leave the library or spend STEM time using other library resources. Your child can no longer come into the library for the STEM program and then leave early without proving parental knowledge and permission, verified by a librarian.
6. If you (the parent) suspect you might be later than 5:00 PM to pick up your child, we request that you notify the library so that our staff know when to expect you and can make any necessary arrangements to stay late. Our phone number is (660)442-5700.

It is our pleasure to offer the STEM program for your children. Please feel free to contact Carolyn Ferguson at (660) 442-5700 or cferguson.mclibrary@gmail.com with any questions.

Thank You!

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