



MILLBURN FREE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

BACK to SCHOOL GUIDE 2026-27



Resources, programs and more to help
you have the best school year ever!

OUR MISSION

Our goal is to provide an environment where patrons of all ages and backgrounds can learn, play and grow. Supporting students, parents and teachers is an important part of what we do. Our library staff are here to help you find what you need, including resources that will benefit you this school year and beyond.

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

WELCOMING SPACES AND FACES

The Library has plenty of space for doing school work alone or in a group. Librarians are always nearby if you need help!

BOOKS AND MATERIALS

Discover thousands of books on our shelves to read and learn all year. Or use your library card to request items from other BCCLS libraries. Books are ready to pick up in a few days.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The library offers many classes and activities that prepare children for the classroom and reinforce school learning. Stay up to date on all our special events by visiting our website or subscribing to our email newsletter.

COMPUTERS, PRINTERS, WIFI AND HOTSPOTS

Have a project due? Hop on one of our public computers or use our wifi to get your work done and handed in on time. Prefer to take the wifi home with you? Hotspots are available to borrow at the front desk for 2 weeks.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The Library offers materials for every learner- standardized test prep, world languages, books for English Language Learners and more. Museum passes and the Library of things can help expand and reinforce classroom learning. Our collection includes a telescope, microscopes, snap circuits and more!



HOW TO GET YOUR LIBRARY CARD

All Millburn or Short Hills township residents or property owners, including children, are eligible to receive library cards.

The following are acceptable types of I.D. for getting a new library card, or renewing an existing card:

- NJ Driver's license with current address
- Utility bill printed with name & address
- Current rent receipt, lease agreement or tax bill
- Postmarked envelope with name mailed to current address
- Kids & Teens: Current report card, schedule or ID from school in Millburn/Short Hills, or a parent's ID verifying their home address



Had a card in the past but cannot find it? No problem! Visit the front desk and we will get you a new one.

Courtesy Cards are also available for:

- Individuals who work in town
- Non-resident students attending school in town
- Caregivers who work in town

*Courtesy cards can be used at Millburn Library only.

USING YOUR CARD

Millburn Library cards can be used at:

- All 78 libraries in the BCCLS system, including nearby Livingston, Maplewood and South Orange
- Summit Library
- Participating ReBL Libraries in Essex county including Newark and academic libraries like Rutgers-Newark and Essex County College



We can't wait to see you at the Library! Our goal is to provide a safe space for all who enter. With that in mind, we ask that parents and children familiarize themselves with library policies before visiting.

POLICY ON UNATTENDED CHILDREN

Children ages 0-6 years must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver at all times.

Children ages 7-9 may be left unattended in a section of the library, but the parent/caregiver must remain in the library.

Children ages 10 and up may be left unattended in the library without a parent/caregiver present. Please make arrangements for children to be picked up prior to closing time.

QUIET STUDY AREAS

The 2nd Floor of the Library is reserved for quiet study. Students wishing to work on group projects can use the Children's Room (reserved for grades K-5) or the Teen Space (reserved for grades 6 and up).

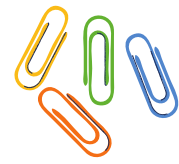
TEEN SPACE

This area is reserved for teens only Mon-Fri after 2:30pm. All children visiting the Library alone after school are expected to follow the Library's Code of Conduct. Students can use conversational voices in the Teen Space but may be asked to leave if they are misusing the space or behaving in a way that affects others' use of the Library.

CHILDREN'S ROOM RULES

- Clean up when you are finished. Place books on the shelving carts and pack up games/puzzles.
- Snacks are discouraged in the Children's Room. You may eat at the tables in the gallery.
- Treat Library materials and furniture with care.
- Keep footwear on at all times and remember to walk, not run in the library.

MENTAL HEALTH TIPS FOR STUDENTS



Establish a Routine

A consistent daily routine can provide a sense of stability and predictability, reducing stress and anxiety. Set regular wake-up and bedtime hours and allocate time for studies, leisure, exercise, and socializing.

Prioritize Self-Care

Taking care of your physical and mental well-being is essential. Engage in activities that you enjoy, such as reading, meditating, or spending time with loved ones. Remember to eat well, stay hydrated, and get enough sleep.

Set Realistic Goals

Set achievable academic and personal goals for yourself. Break down larger goals into smaller, manageable tasks. Celebrate your successes, no matter how small they may seem, to give your self-confidence a boost.

Time Management

Use effective time management techniques to avoid feeling overwhelmed. Utilize tools like planners or digital calendars to organize assignments, projects, and deadlines.

Stay Organized

Keep your study space organized and clutter-free. A tidy environment can contribute to a focused and clear mindset.

Stay Connected

Maintain social connections with friends and family. Isolation can negatively impact mental health. Engage in social activities, both in-person and virtually, to foster a sense of belonging and support.

Limit Screen Time

Excessive screen time, especially on social media, can contribute to feelings of inadequacy and anxiety. Set boundaries for your screen time and focus on activities that enrich your life offline.

Physical Activity

Regular exercise has a significant positive impact on mental health. Incorporate physical activity into your routine, whether it's going for a jog, practicing yoga, or joining a sports club.

Practice Gratitude

Cultivate a habit of gratitude by reflecting on positive aspects of your life. Keeping a gratitude journal can help shift your focus from stressors to things you appreciate.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

DIGITAL RESOURCES

Doing research for a report? Looking to practice your skills or get ready for a test? Our digital resources are there to help, even when the Library is closed. All you need is your library card! Find a complete list by visiting millburnlibrary.org/digital-resources



Encyclopedia Britannica: The general knowledge encyclopedia for learners of all ages, this reference center covers most school subjects, including biographies, plus images & videos.



HelpNow: live tutoring (2-11pm daily), test prep and writing lab. Browse the SkillSurfer section to find lessons, flashcards and quizzes for any subject in any grade.



Hoopla: ebooks, comics, audiobooks, music, TV and movies with no wait. Borrow up to 15 items per month.



Tumblebooks: ebooks and readalongs for kids.



Kanopy: watch documentaries, movies & TV shows. Little ones can enjoy unlimited story-time & read-alongs in the Kanopy Kids section.

OTHER HELPFUL LINKS

Early Literacy

- talkingisteaching.org/resources
- readtoday.net
- starfall.com/h

Reading and Writing Practice

- quill.org
- education.com

Math Practice

- about.zearn.org



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

DIGITAL RESOURCES

FIND A COMPLETE LIST AT MILLBURNLIBRARY.ORG/DIGITAL-RESOURCES



HelpNow: live tutoring (2-11pm daily), test prep and writing lab. Browse the SkillSurfer section to find lessons, flashcards and quizzes for any subject in any grade.



Peterson's Test Prep: practice tests for PSAT, AP, ACT & SAT, GRE and more. You can also search for colleges & scholarships.



Libby: ebooks, audiobooks and magazines for all ages. 5 Borrows & 5 Holds allowed at once.



Mango Languages: 73 language learning courses, including English for new speakers. Complete lessons online or using the Mango app.



Masterclass: 100s of video lessons taught by experts. Visit millburnlibrary.org/masterclass to request a 7-day pass for unlimited viewing.



NEW! ComicsPlus: Read all your favorites from Yen Press, Image Comics, Tokyo Pop & more. No holds, no limits.

OTHER HELPFUL LINKS

Citation Resources, Avoiding Plagiarism

- owl.purdue.edu/owl

General Reference and Homework Help

- wolframalpha.com

Subject Based Tutorial Videos

- khanacademy.org

College Scholarship Info

- myscholly.com

College Planning

- bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- nacacnet.org/student
- ncan.org/page/RevisedCollegePlanningTimelines

ELL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

DIGITAL RESOURCES

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Mango Languages: 73 language learning courses, including English for non-native speakers. Complete lessons online or using the Mango app.



Libby: ebooks, audiobooks and magazines for all ages in a number of World Languages. 5 Borrows & 5 Holds allowed at once.



News For You: Read (and listen) to news stories in simplified English, get help with vocabulary, and practice language exercises.

OTHER HELPFUL LINKS

English Lessons and Practice

- fluentu.com/blog/english
- uniteforliteracy.com
- elllo.org
- learningenglish.voanews.com
- duolingo.com

STUDENTS WITH LEARNING AND ATTENTION DIFFERENCES

For Students

- understood.org
- readingrockets.org
- do2learn.com

For Parents:

- aacap.org
- cdc.gov/adhd





USING AI RESPONSIBLY

Generative AI Guidance for Students

- vpaa.uillinois.edu/digital_risk_management/generative_ai/students

Unesco AI Competency Framework for Students

- doi.org/10.54675/JKJB9835

Humanity's Future After AI by Poh Shen-Lo

- poshenloh.com/thought-full

Student Guide to Artificial Intelligence

- www.aacu.org/publication/student-guide-to-artificial-intelligence

Millburn Twp Public Schools AI Framework

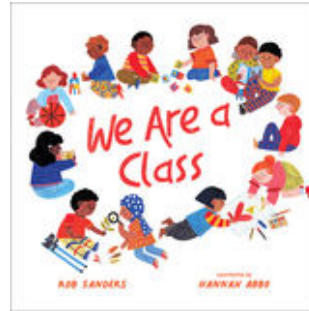
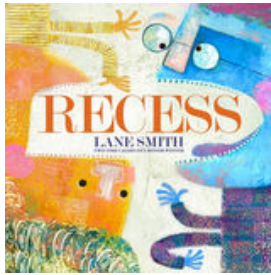
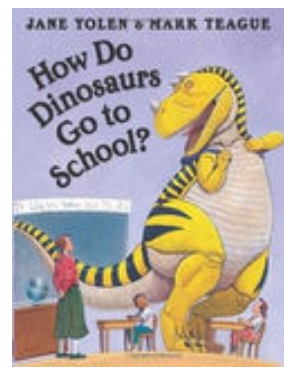
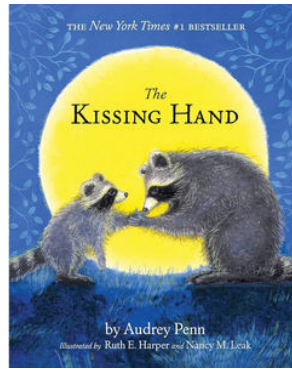
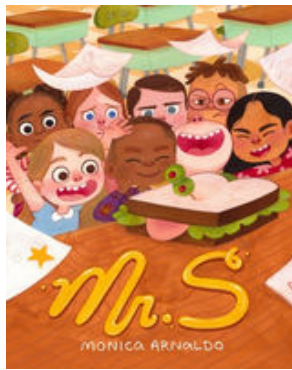
- www.millburn.org/documents/departments/curriculum,-instruction-and-assessment/aias-badges/863206

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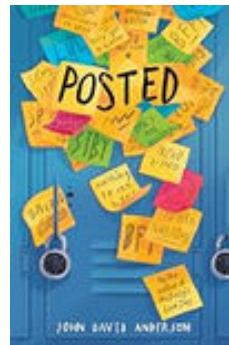
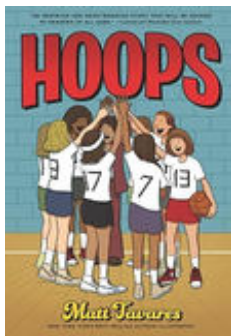
1. Do your own writing: Never let an AI tool write your final essays, original text, or graded submissions. Use it for brainstorming or outlining instead.
2. Verify all facts: AI can make up false information or "hallucinate". Always double-check stats, dates, and claims using trusted sources.
3. Always give credit: Be transparent. Cite the AI tool if you use it to help structure or research your assignment.
4. Protect private data: Never input your personal information, school records, or private data into public AI chat platforms.
5. Follow teacher boundaries: Check the rules for each class. Every teacher sets different limits on when AI is allowed or not.

BACK TO SCHOOL BOOKLIST

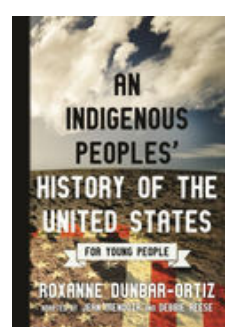
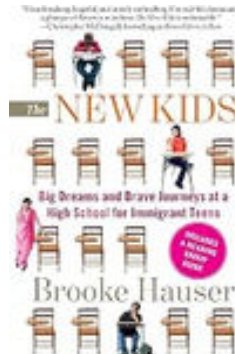
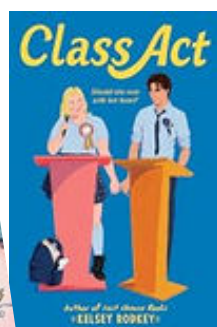
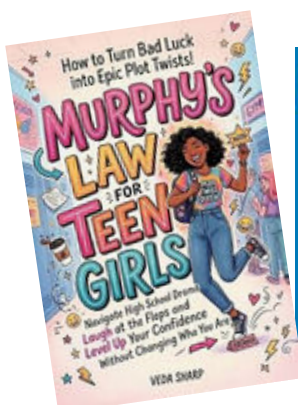
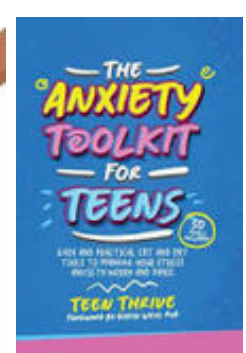
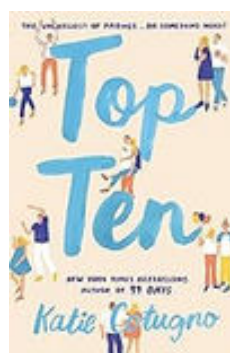
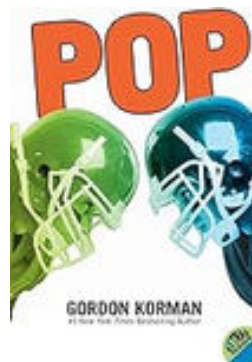
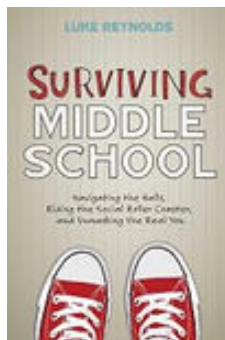
Elementary



Middle Grades



High School



Add HelpNow to your Back-to-School List



24/7 free
online tutoring
from your library



LIVE ONLINE TUTORING AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
Brainfuse HelpNow offers personalized academic and homework help for students in grades K-12.
All you need is an internet connection, a computer or mobile device and your library card.
Scan the QR code to get started!

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HOURS

M-Th: 9:30am-8:45pm

F-Sat: 9:30am-5:15pm

Sun: 1pm-4:45pm