

Dear Parents,

I have just wrapped up my eighth week here and it has been wonderful. I'm really enjoying working with the students and staff and being in Lincoln's library.

We have made some changes to the way things are done in the library and I'd like to share some of them with you. You can find out more on the [library website](#) that is now posted on Lincoln's home page as well.

As an introduction, the reason for the changes is due to my philosophy about reading. I want everyone to become a reader. I believe one way you become a reader is to have a lot of choices. Sometimes the one book you choose just *doesn't* connect with you. So having more choices means a better chance of finding a book you really enjoy.

REMOVAL OF LIMITS: The way to have choices is to remove some of the limits. While there are not unlimited books, we are more lenient with the number allowed out. We do not give a firm number, rather it's based on what you already have out. They are allowed to check out 2, 3, or 4 books at a time, even if they have books already checked out. We will almost always allow another book to go home, even if there are already books at home. Essentially, I hope for each child to take a book home every time.

RETURNING BOOKS: Students can return books at any time - they do not need to wait for their library day.

VOLUNTEERS: One of our biggest changes has been the addition of library volunteers. Parents have graciously volunteered their time to shelve the books which is so helpful to making them available to the students.

OVERDUE NOTICES: Overdue notices will be sent electronically on a weekly basis. This will begin in the next few weeks. An email will be sent to the parent's email letting you know which books are overdue. If your child does not have an overdue book, you will not receive an email. Please bear with us as we introduce this new form of communication. As with all things technical, we are hoping for smooth sailing and don't anticipate any glitches (but you know how technology is).

WEBSITE: The library website is live on Lincoln's home page. It includes my blog that will let you know about happenings in the library. It also includes the catalog for searching books and my Pinterest page for lots of book recommendations. <http://d90lincolnlibrary.weebly.com>

Everything we do in the library is to help your children love reading by making the process easier and the books more accessible.

I hope you find the changes in the library to be positive changes. I will continue to let you know what's happening in the library on the library website.

Mrs. Brauweiler