The Lincolnwood Library has put forth much effort to improve its services to the community, and we think it is wonderful that so many students are interested in visiting the library. We ask parents, guardians, and caregivers to work with us toward our goal of a peaceful, inclusive library atmosphere after school.

The library is available for children in and above grade 6 to visit independently after school to do homework, read books, use a computer, or quietly socialize with friends. This means children in grades 3–5 and younger must be with a caregiver to be in the building. We do not provide formal after-school care. Children in grades 3–5 are welcome immediately after school if they are registered for a program that starts before or at 4pm. A caregiver must join them immediately when the program ends.

In accordance with the library’s Safe Child Policy available at lincolnwoodlibrary.org, students grade 6 and up who visit us independently after school must self-supervise and behave appropriately. This means being able to talk in a quiet tone of voice, not be physically aggressive, and listen and respond to library staff. If your child is not able to follow these expectations, we may ask your child to leave for the day.

If your child plans to use the library after school independently, you must have a brief chat with library staff about our behavior expectations. We’ll ask for your contact information in case of an emergency or behavioral situation. Even if you’ve spoken with us previously, please make sure the info we have is correct.

Thank you for your continued partnership. If you have any questions about our after-school offerings, or to confirm your information, please stop by or call the Youth and Teen Services department at (224) 233-1843.

We look forward to this school year!
Thank you for partnering with the library to help keep a peaceful atmosphere and ensure your child’s safety. We don’t have a lot of rules, but the ones we do have are important. Please take a moment to review these expectations with your child, and please call us or stop in if you have any questions or concerns.

Attending a Program at the Library
If you are attending a program at the library, our expectation is that you participate by staying in the program room while the program is in session. If you are in grades 3-5, you may attend a program independently, but your caregiver must join you immediately at the end of the program.

A Mostly Quiet Library
The library isn’t silent all the time, but because we have such a big after school crowd, we need to keep our voices down to a whisper. Use headphones when listening to something on a device, even with friends who are listening too. Keep conversations G-rated.

A Clean Library
We expect everyone to keep the library neat and clean, so please pick up after yourself if a mess happens. Vending machine food and snacks may be enjoyed in the cafe only. Drinks with lids may be enjoyed in the library away from computer tables. Restaurant food is not allowed in the library. Remember that the library is a public place. The library can’t be responsible for items that are lost or stolen, so please keep track of your belongings.

A Respectful, Peaceful Library
Always treat others the way they would like to be treated. Bullying or being disrespectful to others will not be tolerated. The library is not the place for physical contact or roughhousing with your friends. Please keep chairs on the floor, butts in seats, and feet on the floor. If a librarian asks you to change your behavior, it’s for a good reason, and you must listen to them.

A Public Library
We want to provide a safe, welcoming environment for everyone after school, not just our students. Please remember that others use the library, and please be respectful. Know when the library closes, and be sure that your child is picked up on time. If there are unattended children under the age of 14 after closing, librarians may call the friendly Lincolnwood police to make sure they get home safely.

Closing times are: 
9pm Monday–Thursday 
6pm Friday 
5pm Saturday & Sunday