Warren-Newport Public Library District

Gurnee, Illinois

Suggestions & Questions from Our Library Users

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Building-related comments

Consider bringing small wooden slide back in Coco's Cove. Also puzzles and small manipulatives in tubs. There are cubbies that could house these. There is more room for adults to sit and tables but nothing to do on them with your children. Consider adding more. Thank you.

Thank you for this suggestion. We are monitoring how families use Coco's Cove and will add toys, manipulatives, and other materials as we see what works well in the space and hear requests from library users. We appreciate the ideas for puzzles, manipulatives, and tabletop activities.

Collection-related comments

I am not sure why you guys removed video games from library because sometimes after reading kids want to play games so it's a good idea to have video games.

Thank you for sharing this feedback. Gaming was removed because it was difficult for staff to manage consistently. Younger children often needed help using the systems, and the gaming area also led to behavior that was not appropriate for the space. Moving forward, gaming will be offered only during library programs, where staff can provide structure and supervision.

Programming-related comments

Have a teen night ages 11-16.

Thank you for the suggestion. We are in the process of starting a Teen Advisory Group (TAG), and ideas like a Teen Night are exactly the kind of thing that the group would be invited to consider. Teens who are interested in helping shape future programs can apply through the application on our website or pick one up in The Vault. We are also always happy to consider specific program requests from library users.

More Adult Programs. More Adult Programs for Guys AND Girls.

We are always happy to consider requests for new programs. If you have specific ideas for adult programs or topics you would like to see offered, please share them with us so we can pass them along for consideration.

Service-related comments

"I like coming to the library!"

Thank you! We are so glad to hear that you enjoy visiting the library. We love welcoming our community into the building and appreciate you taking the time to share this kind note.

Miscellaneous-related comments

I love the toys. I love Miss Abby & Miss April & Miss Cheryl.

Thank you for sharing this! We are happy to hear that you are enjoying the toys, and we will be sure to share your kind words with staff. Comments like this mean a lot to our team.

Sell the WNPL Tshirts to w/the Bears to the Public Please.

Thank you for the suggestion. The WNPL T-shirts were created for staff use and aren't currently available for public purchase. That said, we do have plans to open an online WNPL merchandise store to the public, so stay tuned. We appreciate the interest, and we're glad the shirts caught your eye.

Thank you for taking the time to help us improve our service to you.

If suggested a title for purchase, we have passed it along to staff members who order materials.

Ryan Livergood, Executive Director

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