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## **Love Your Library Books!**





Sharing is caring! When it comes to library books, it is the responsibility of each user to treat them with kindness so others may use them in the future. In this spirit of generosity, we offer some helpful caretaking reminders below.

Love Letters are Private: Books are engaging, but during moments of inspiration please do not follow the urge to highlight inspirational quotes, underline favorite words, or write interpretations in the margins! These may be helpful study activities when using your personal copy, but marking the book ruins the next patron's reading experience and damages the book. Try taking notes on your computer or a separate sheet of paper to keep track of annotations, and return your borrowed books without additions so others can enjoy a fresh take.

Mood Lighting: Dinner by candlelight might be a romantic way to celebrate with your loved ones, but adorning your library books with drippy wax, oily fingers, or beverage stains is no way to preserve the pages for future generations. Have you ever wondered why we do not allow messy foods or open drink containers in Mullen? It is for this very reason -- we adore a clean reading space and books that remain food-free.

Handle with Care: Folding page corners, paper clips, binder clips, extra sticky notes, tape, candy bar wrappers, banana peels... you would not believe the things some people use as bookmarks! There are so many beautiful bookmarks in the world that do not bend, bump, ripple, warp, slime, or otherwise wreck your reading surface. Paper and magnetic bookmarks can gently hold your place while you write valentines to all your pals. Store the book in your book bag or on a shelf at home. Visit the Women in the Civil Rights display by the computer lab or the Information Desk to pick up an inspirational bookmark!

Home is Where the Heart Is: When you check out a book from the library make sure you carefully place your book into your bag and keep it isolated from your water bottle, food, or anything else that could harm the book. Once you get back to your room, be sure to keep track of the book so you can return it on time! Our indoor and outdoor book drops make returning books quick and simple any time of day, but you can buffer the impact of your item's journey to the bottom of the book bin by letting the book drop in rather than pushing or tossing it inside. Cushioning the blow to the spine and cover of the book can add longevity to its borrowing life.



## **Spring Semester Exhibits:**

- Created In Reverence: The Artistic Process of Dony Mac Manus, May Gallery (1st Floor)
- Sit Down and Stand Up: Women of Action in the Civil Rights Movement, 1st floor Lobby
- Mirrors & Windows: The Importance of Diversity in Children's Literature, Main Reading Room (2nd floor)

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