Lower School Library Parameters as of Fall 2014:

- Lower school students who come to the Hassenfeld Library for a class period may borrow up to three books during the visit.
- Children who have forgotten to return borrowed books from a previous visit will only be allowed to take additional books to a maximum of three total.
- Students may have no more than a total of three books checked out at one time during the school year.
- Lower school students may check out up to five books over the summer.
- It is reasonable for teachers to ask their students to select at least one or two “just right” books, however that is defined by the teacher, to borrow during library period.
- Students are welcome and encouraged to explore books and other materials throughout the Library collection.

Regarding Content

Sometimes a parent or guardian does not want for their child to borrow a certain genre of book. They may be concerned that the material is too scary, or do not personally approve of the particular content. For example, some adults find titles such as, “The Dumb Bunnies” and the Captain Underpants series by Dav Pilkey, or “The Stupids” by Henry Allard, offensive. Others are glad to have their child read anything that interests them.

According to ALA principles, “Parents and guardians who do not want their children to have access to specific library services, materials, or facilities should so advise their children.”

This means that parents absolutely have the right and responsibility to monitor and guide their children’s reading choices. Resources to assist parents are available through the library portal.

Teachers also have the right and responsibility to decide on class based reading choices. However, teachers and Library staff are not expected to take on the role of gatekeeper outside of classroom literacy endeavors.

Any questions, comments, or concerns from parents about library time choices can and should be directed to Mary Buxton, Library Director, mbuxton@usn.org, 615-277-7494.