

Re: "Standing reservations" and laptops

From: Jennifer Holley

To: Yvette Davis

Date: Thursday - January 26, 2012 8:52 AM

Sounds awesome! Going back to the doctor for the third time on Tuesday. If all goes well I should return on Wednesday.

>>> Yvette Davis 01/25/12 8:40 PM >>>

I'm so sorry I forgot to respond to this on Monday. My laptop battery died right after I opened the message, and I think I just missed it in the shuffle after that! Anyway, I would love for y'all to come down any time you like. I'm not sure if I can read fast enough to do a booktalk every time, but we can scrape something up. We could do a modified booktalk, or I can create trailers to show and play up one or two books. I've read so much this year, but if you asked me what, I don't know whether I'd remember anything at the moment. :) Oh, I could also encourage your crew to open Goodreads accounts. The county finally granted my unblock request. I'm glad you'll be doing Power Lunch with us. Perhaps, we can squeak in some collaboration while we monitor the kiddies! I'm sure we'll at least be able to nail down some booktalk ideas and dates.

Looking forward to your return, girl!

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>>> Jennifer Holley 01/23/12 10:04 AM >>>

Thank you for penciling me in. I won't be back today unfortunately, but if all goes well I am planning to be back next Monday, January 30th. I'm also interested in bringing my first and fourth block students for circulation and book talk time every other Friday for about 30 minutes or so. Is this a possibility?

>>> Yvette Davis 01/23/12 6:07 AM >>>

Yes, ma'am, it's wide open! I'll put you down for the week, as I have meetings in Smithfield today and want to make sure you're set. Just let me know if I need to adjust any days.

See you tomorrow. :)

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>>> Jennifer Holley 01/22/12 10:15 PM >>>

I totally understand and appreciate the opportunity to use technology as often as possible. Are there any carts available any time the week of January 30-February 3?

>>> Yvette Davis 01/22/12 8:14 PM >>>

Hey girlie,

Yes, but I don't show as having any reservations for the upcoming semester. You're fine to make reservations well in advance for any time frame. The problem comes in when someone reserves every single Friday for an entire semester without having solid plans. Just figuring you're giving a quiz online every Friday isn't really an adequate plan. We've found that these folks stopped picking them up consistently, leaving carts unused in the library, and because others assumed they were unavailable, they wrote their plans accordingly and couldn't even use the computers anymore. This got super annoying, and we felt bad for those who could have used the computers if we'd known the teacher wasn't going to pick them up. However, you can reserve any time frame in the future that you need for a planned project/lesson; as in, "I know we'll be working on a cultural fair project during these dates, so I'll need technology for these 5 days." Does that make sense? If you want to snap up a few Fridays at a time that's fine too. It's the entire semester that gets tricky.

I hope this helps.

Yvette

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>>> Jennifer Holley 01/20/12 2:25 PM >>>

Does this mean that teachers who have already done this no longer have access to the carts on those days?

>>> Yvette Davis 01/20/12 2:09 PM >>>

Hello everyone,

To make things a bit more equitable in terms of technology access and the entire faculty, we ask that teachers not make standing reservations for the entire semester. This means, for example, that we are discouraging staff from making laptop reservations for every Friday for the next 16 weeks. It has been our experience that teachers' plans change, and they often neglect to cancel their reservations in advance or to pick up the reserved carts. Unfortunately, when this occurs, it is too late for another teacher to use them, as he/she has typically made alternate plans upon learning that nothing is available.

We would like to clarify, however, that making reservations in advance for a specific time frame and purpose is okay. Examples of this include reserving for Graduation Project portfolio creation, Cultural Fair, or the foreign language countries project.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Yvette and Will

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