

# The Story of Library

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### Welcome to the Library

Tucked away on the 5th floor you will find our library, a cozy spot in which to fall in love with reading. My name is Margaret Najdzionek and I am so pleased to be the Librarian this year. Libraries and books have always played a significant role in my life. As a teacher in 2 South for many years, I enjoyed bringing my class not only to Brick's library but also on field trips to the public library, where my students received their first library cards. I look forward to bringing my background as an educator and my deep love of reading and literature to my role as Librarian at Brick.

Children visit the library weekly beginning in our 3s program. From our extensive book collection, a carefully curated selection awaits them on child-sized display shelves. Upon their arrival, I welcome them, share a story, and guide the children to develop their understanding of how the library operates. Children learn the mechanics of choosing and checking out books, as well as the importance of caring for these borrowed books while they are in their possession and returning them on time to ensure others can also enjoy them.

Library is a central part of children's experience at Brick. Not only do children enjoy listening to stories read aloud and looking at books independently, but exposure to rich and varied literature builds vocabulary, enhances language and cognitive abilities, and fosters skills needed for eventual success in reading. My vision for the coming year is to work closely with teachers to complement each classroom's curriculum and project work and to meet the evolving needs and interests of the students.