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To Whom It May Concern:

The Ann Arbor District Library (AADL) agrees to allow IRB-approved developmental psychology studies to be run in the Children’s Room at the Downtown location of the AADL as part of the Living Lab program that is an NSF funded initiative (livinglab.org). This letter provides approval over the period beginning October 2014 and continuing through June 2015.

It is with caution that AADL has allowed studies to be conducted on site, and therefore we have the following stipulations. We require that all PI’s and RA’s running studies for the Living Lab initiative at AADL will: (1) receive an orientation from the AADL that lays out specific protocols for the lab space (e.g., set-up, shift scheduling, interacting with visitors and library staff, etc.) (2) No child or parent is solicited for funding for any current study or future study while in the AADL. Additionally, all studies need the written approval of the AADL Director before commencing at the Library.

The AADL looks forward to establishing a partnership with the National Living Lab initiative, and with UM researchers through this new relationship. This research will facilitate the library’s understanding of our youngest patrons so that we can develop services that best suit their needs, while giving them a first-hand experience with how real researchers work.

Sincerely,

Josie Barnes Parker
Director