
This Is My Library

A Social Story of the Children's Library and Teen Space



I am going to Lake Forest Library.

Note to Caregivers

This Social Story is about the Youth Areas of Lake Forest Library. There is also a Social Story about the Adult Areas. Some of these areas overlap.

The purpose of this Story is to help prepare children to visit Lake Forest Library. Reading this story before visiting can help them gain visual familiarity with the Library so they can feel more comfortable during their visits.

If you have suggestions of things to add or change in the Story, please let us know at www.lakeforestLibrary.org/social-story.

You may also find our self-directed Virtual Tour helpful to visually preview the Library further. Access it on any device at www.lakeforestLibrary.org/virtual-tour.

This is the front of my Library.



I visit the Library with my parent or grown-up and make sure to stay with them.

This is the Foyer when I enter the Library.



Now that I am inside, I will talk quietly and not run or go fast.

Sometimes in the Foyer I will hear an alarm ring. It is loud, but I don't have to worry. It just means someone forgot to check out a book.

These are stairs that go to the Children's Library.



I can take the stairs down to the Children's Library. I hold on to the railing when I use the stairs.

Or I can take the Elevator. The Elevator is at the back of the building.

Dear Grown-up, the Elevator pictures are at the end of the Social Story on pages 20–25.

This is the Children's Foyer.



I can use a Restroom here.

I can check the Stuffie sign. If I find the Stuffie and tell the Librarians where the Stuffie is, I earn a sticker.

Sometimes I will hear an alarm ring. It is loud, but I don't have to worry. It just means someone forgot to check out a book.

This is a Restroom.



The door is heavy. I need to turn on the light switch. I need to lock the door behind me. The toilet flushes on its own and it is loud. When I am finished, I wash my hands.

In the Children's Library ...



I can visit the Design Center. I can pick up crafts to take home and make.

I can visit the Service Desk. I can say or wave hello to a friendly Librarian there. I can ask them for help.

I can ask a Librarian for a Social Story Kit with noise-canceling headphones and other items to use while I visit the Library.

In the Children's Library ...



I can find Books, DVDs, and Launchpads.

In the Children's Library ...



I can play at the Puppet Stage with puppets, puzzles, and toys.

This is the Kasian Room.



I can go inside when the door is open. I can go inside when the door is closed and the sign says "Come in!"

I can go to storytimes and other fun events here.

This is the Fiction Section.



I can find Fiction Books, Graphic Novels, and Audiobooks here.

I can borrow Exploration Kits in the blue backpacks.

I can use the tables and chairs.

This is the Nonfiction Section.



I can find Nonfiction Books here.

I can use the Elevator with my grown-up.

I can use the tables and chairs.

This is the Nonfiction Section.



I can find Exploration Kits in blue backpacks, Accessibility items in grey backpacks, and Adapted Books here.

In the Children's Library ...



I can use a computer.

These are the stairs to the Teen Space and DVDs Section.



This is the Teen Space and DVDs Section.



I can find Teen items, Video Games, and DVDs here.

I am ready to go home.



I use my library card to borrow items. A Librarian at the Service Desk can check them out for me. Or I can use a Self-Checkout Kiosk.

I am ready to go home.



Sometimes when I leave the Children's Library I will hear an alarm ring. It is loud, but I don't have to worry. It just means someone forgot to check a book out.

I can come back to the Library again!

This is a Return Slot.



I can return my items here when I am done with them.

Or I can put my books in the Return Bin. The Return Bin is outside near the front entrance.

This is the Elevator at the back of the building.



To get to the Elevator, I go through many spaces with shelves and books.

To get to the Elevator ...



I go through the Rotunda.

To get to the Elevator ...



I go through the Fiction Room.

To get to the Elevator ...



I go through the Fiction Annex.

This is the Elevator.



To go down to the Children’s Library in the Basement, I press the “BSMT” button. The button has an arrow pointing to it.

I exit the Elevator into the Children's Library.



This is the Nonfiction Section.