

Our Visit to the Lakeland Public Library



A Social Experience Story

Lakeland Public Library 100 Lake Morton Drive, Lakeland, Florida, 33801 863-834-4280

Notes for Parents and Caregivers

- If you would like to tour the library, ask at the children's service desk or call 863-834-4268.
- If you or anyone in your group has sensory sensitivities, you may want to be aware of the electric hand dryer in the restrooms.
- The information on some of these slides may change over time, and we will do our best to keep up to date.



I Am Going to the Library!

A library is a place where I can visit and look at wonderful books, movies, music and use the computers.

Sometimes I might listen to a story being read.

I might borrow a book, movie, or music from the library and take it home for a while.

When I am done using the things I borrowed, I return them.

Sometimes, I might keep things for two weeks.

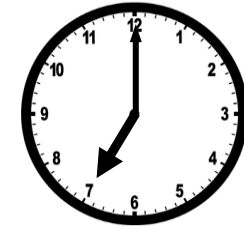
My Library Has Rules

- If I am younger than 8 years old, I must stay where my parent or caregiver can see me.
- We will walk calmly inside the library.
- We will use a quiet voice.
- If I am younger than 13 and I want to use a computer I can sign up at the Children's Service Desk.
- If I am older than 13, I can use my library card or guest pass to use a computer. There are special areas for children, teens and adults to use computers.
- I will wait my turn to use a computer.
- No food is allowed in the library.

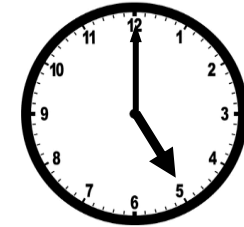
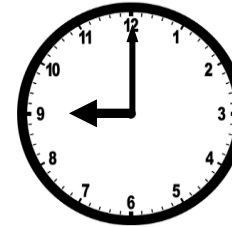


When Is the Library Open?

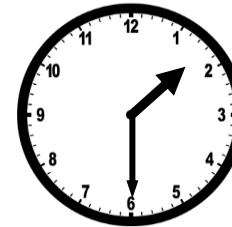
- Monday through Thursday
9:00 am to 7:00 pm



- Friday and Saturday
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

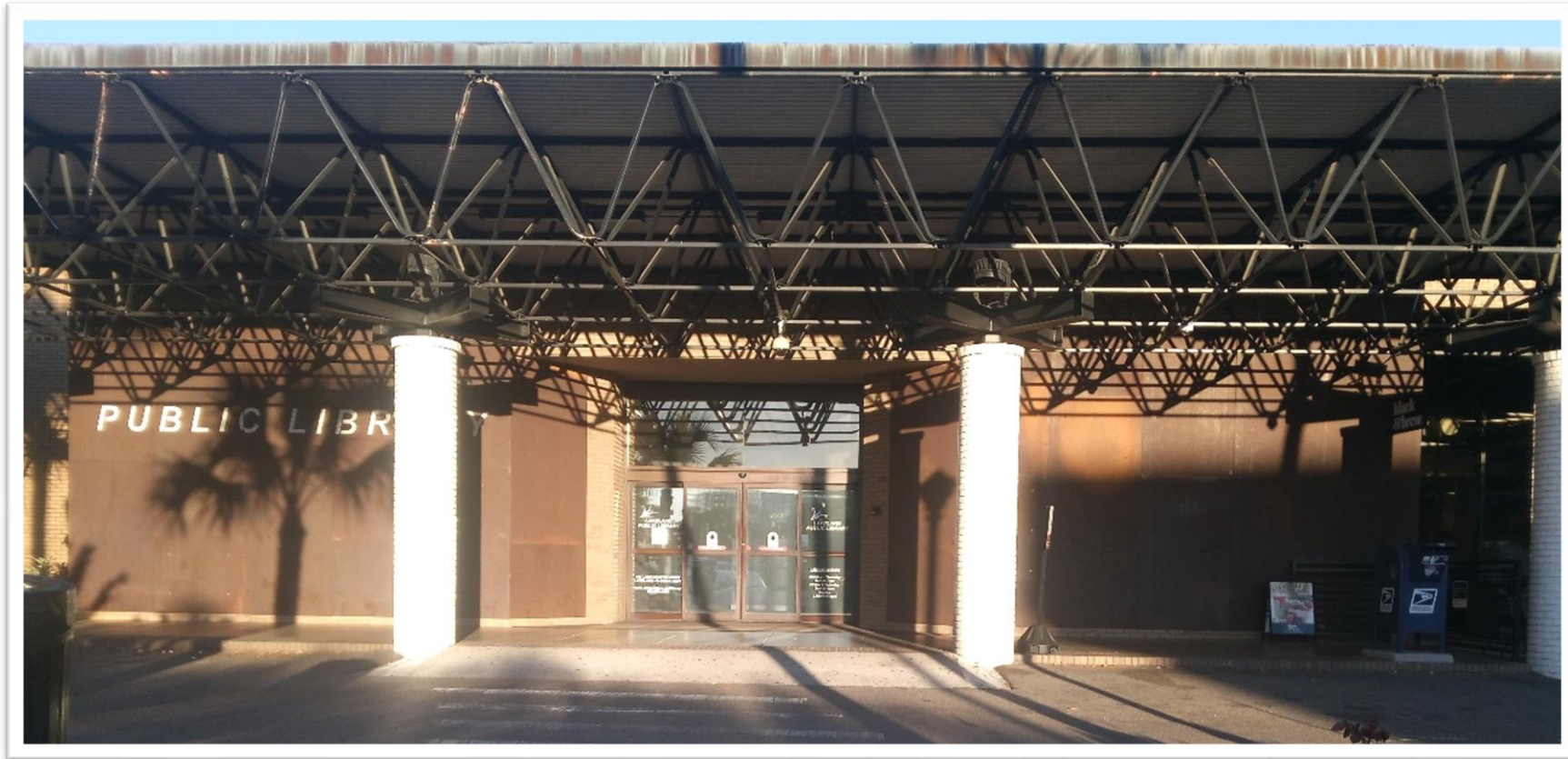


- Sunday
1:30 pm to 5:00 pm



Some areas of the library and all computers are shut down 15 minutes before closing time.

This Is the Door We Use to Enter the Library.



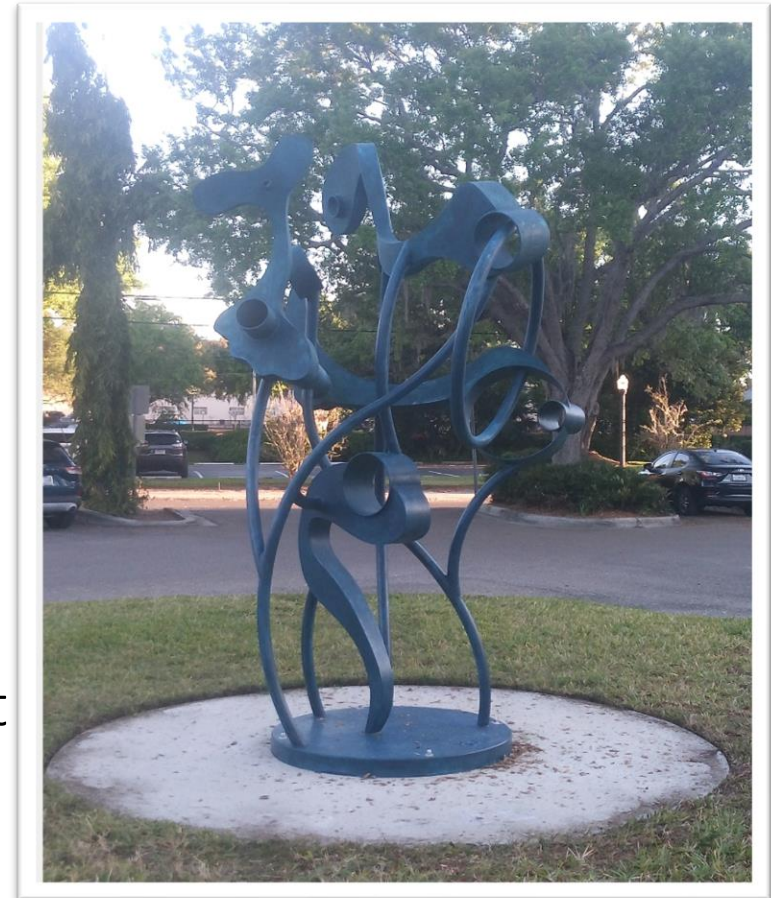
Library Cards

We can get a card at the library by bringing in our picture identification and proof of address. My parents or caregivers can help me get my own card.



We need a library card to:

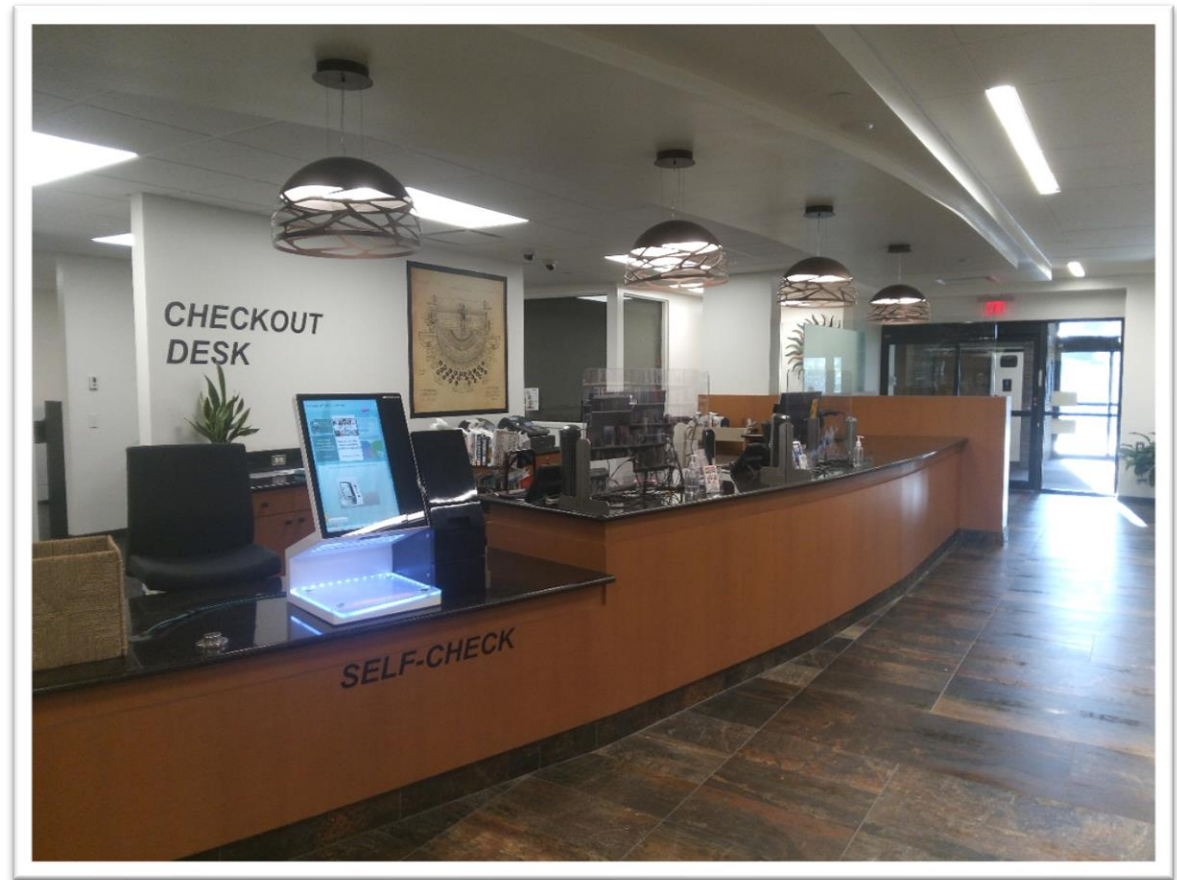
- Check out books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.
- Use a library computer if we are older than 12.
- Log in to the library website from our computers at home.



Checkout Desk

We can ask someone at the Checkout Desk how to get a library card, check out books, return books and for help finding the children's department.

You may want to check out your own items using the self-check station.



This Is Where the Adults Can Use Computers.





This Is the Lakeland History and Culture Center

I can read and learn about Lakeland.

I can see objects from the past.

With adult help, I can touch the computers and learn even more about Lakeland.

Note to Parents and Caregivers:

As part of the overall experience, the Lakeland History & Culture Center has special effects lighting and sound.

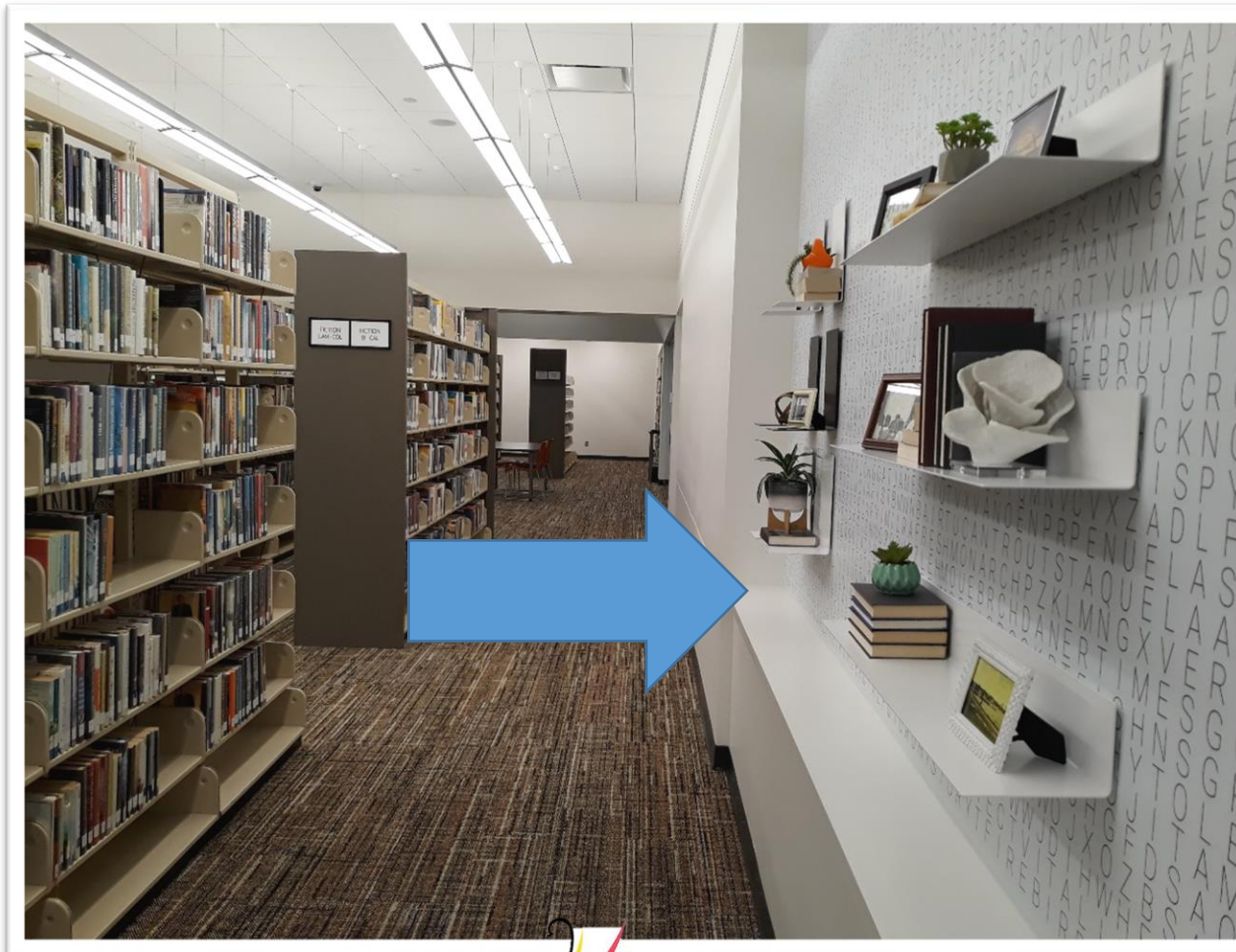


These Are Some Things That I Might See in the Lakeland History and Culture Center.



Some items are just to look at. I will just use my eyes to look!

I Will Just Use My Eyes to Look!



This Is an Area Where I Can Sit and Read.
There Are New Lights.



This Is Where the Library Holds Books for People.



This Is the Commons

This is a space for different classes.
It is also a place to read and study.

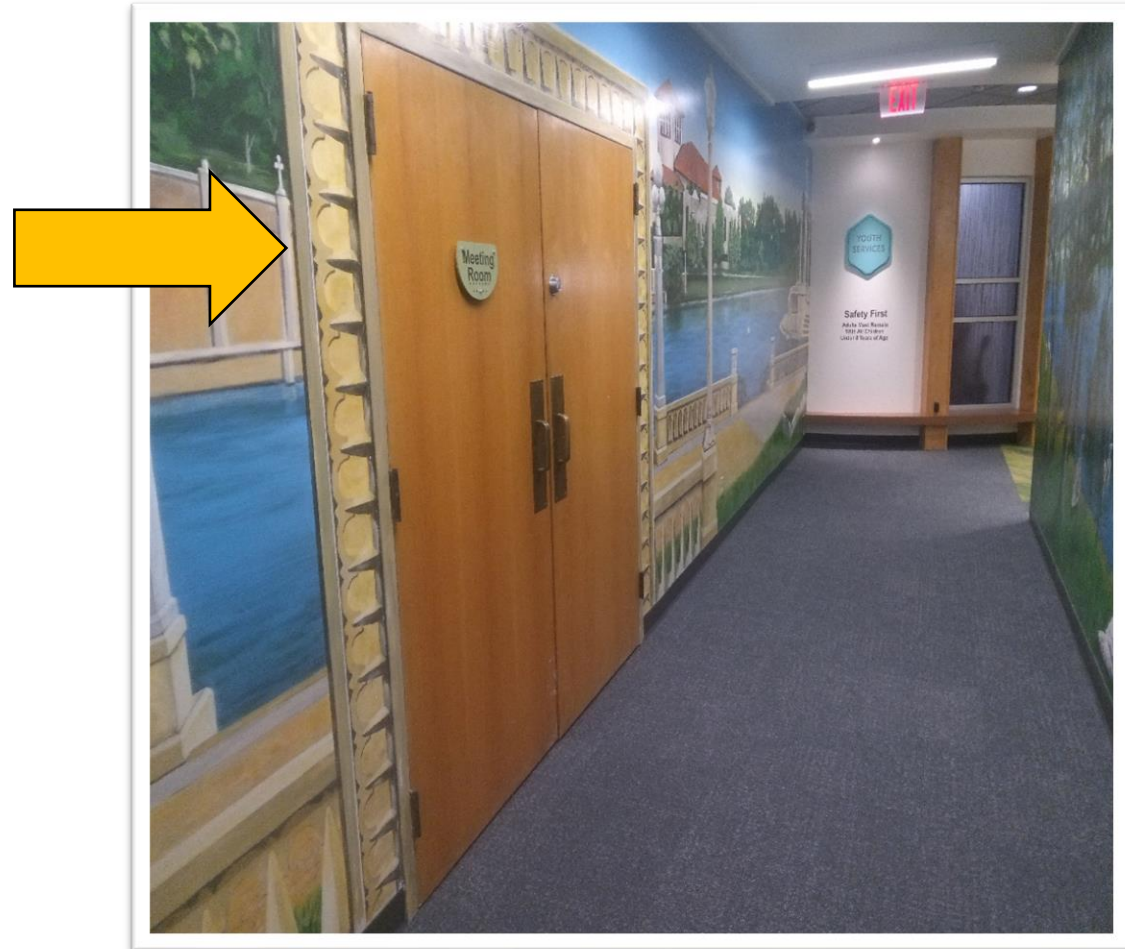


This Is the Hallway to the Children's Area.

There are painted pictures on the wall.

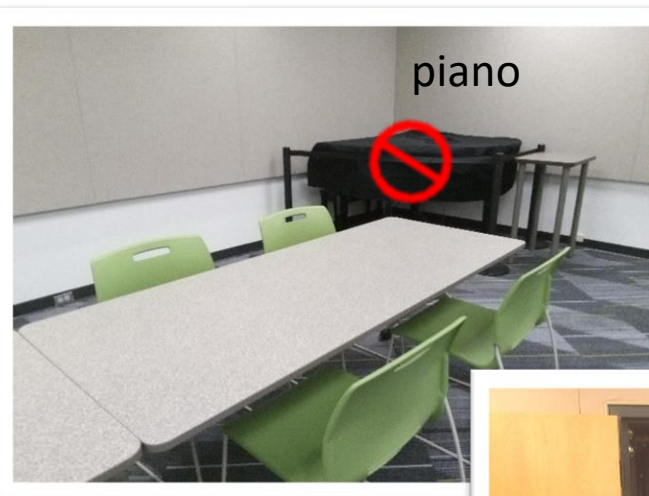
There is also a special room called the Meeting Room.

There are special programs that happen in here!



In the Meeting Room, Sometimes We Sit on Chairs or on the Floor to Hear a Story, Do an Activity, or Watch a Puppet Show.

The Meeting Room has to be opened by an adult.



I keep my hands away from the piano.

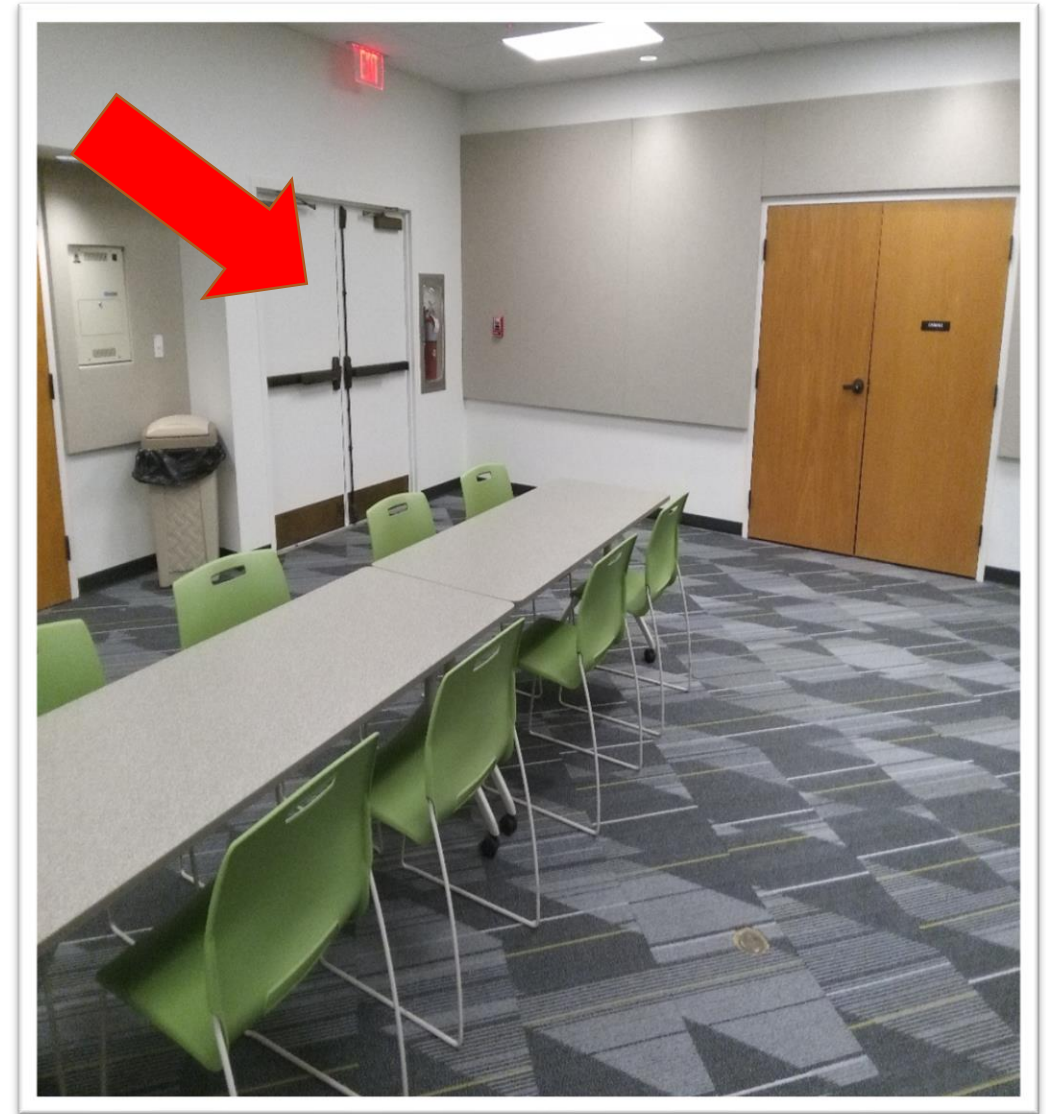


Emergency Doors

Some doors are only for emergencies. If there is an emergency, an adult will let me know what to do.

We will only go out these doors if we are told to by people who work in the library.

I will listen to the adults and follow the instructions.

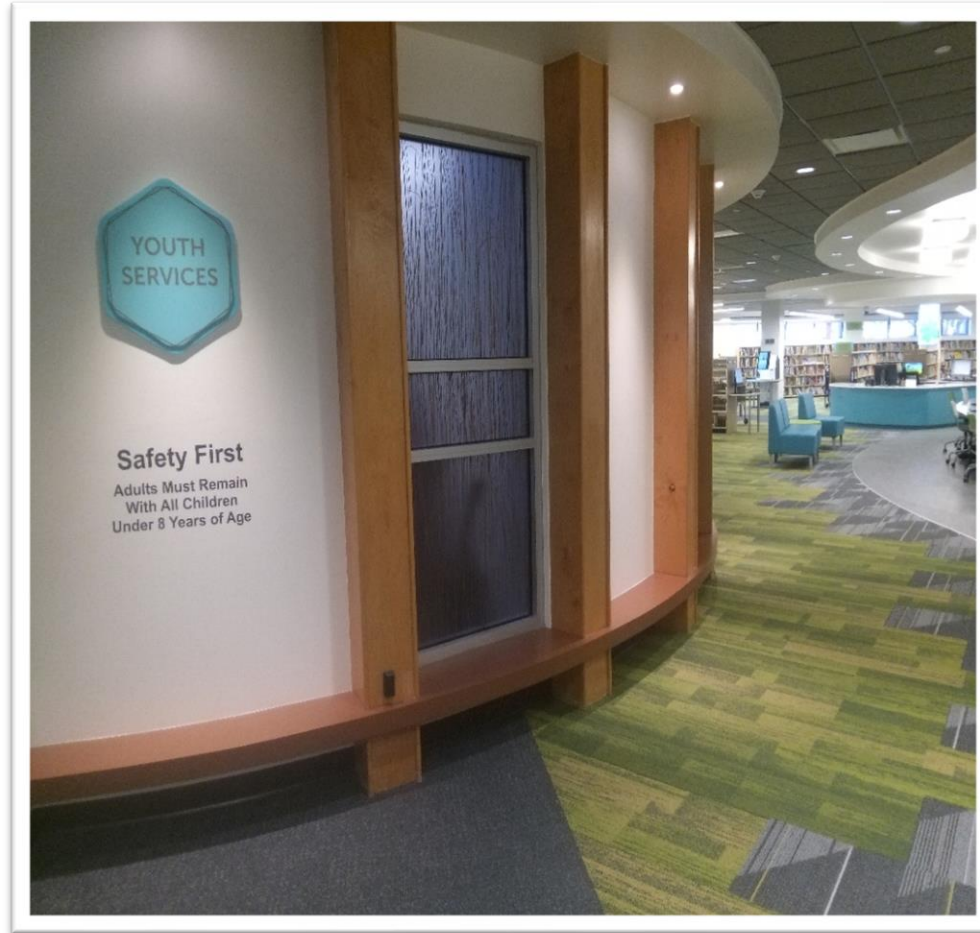


This Is the Way to the Children's Area!

There are books and videos,
for me.

There are computers.

There are toys and puzzles.



In the Children's Area



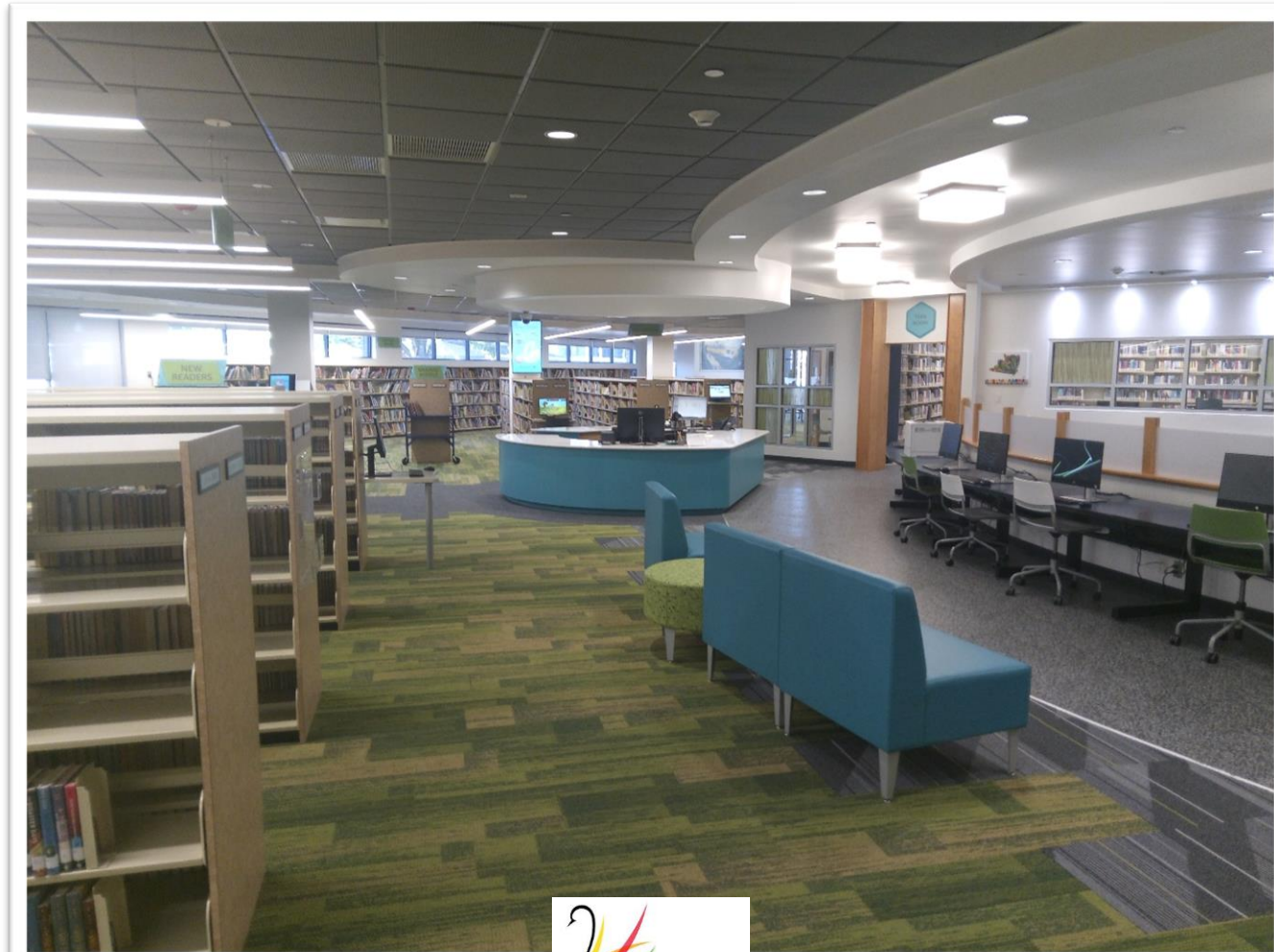
There are displays and decorations on the walls.

There Are Lots of Places to Sit and Look at Books and Materials.

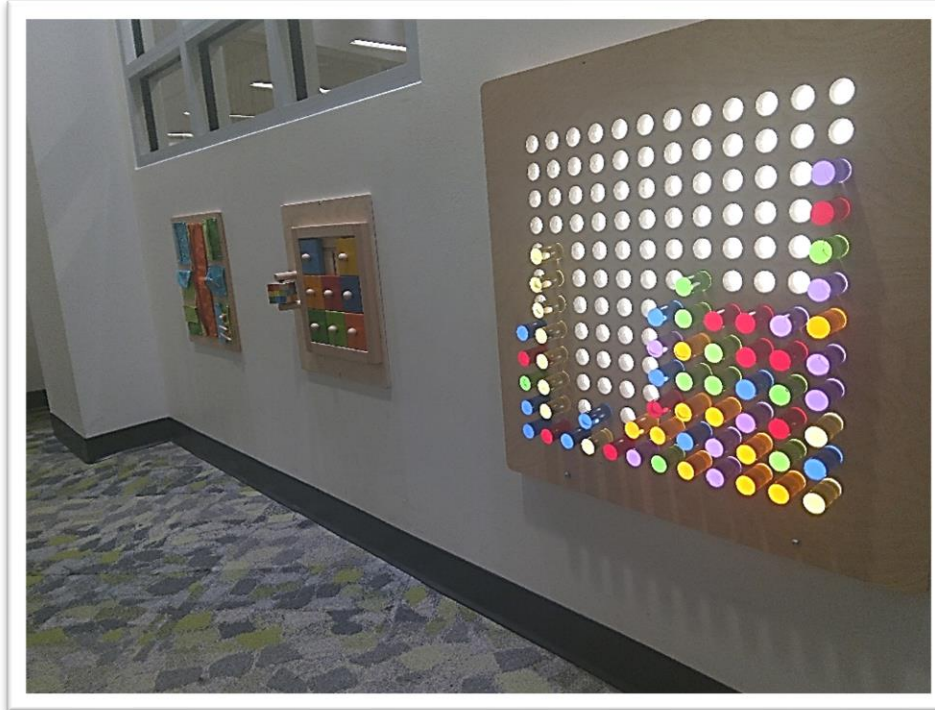


Sometimes people even talk quietly or use coloring books in the library!

There Are Many Fun Things to Do in the Library.



I Can Pick a Book to Read or Play with Puzzles or Lego Bricks.



There are many fun things to look at, listen to, and touch.

If I Am Under 13 Years Old, I Can Sign in at the Children's Service Desk and Use a Computer.



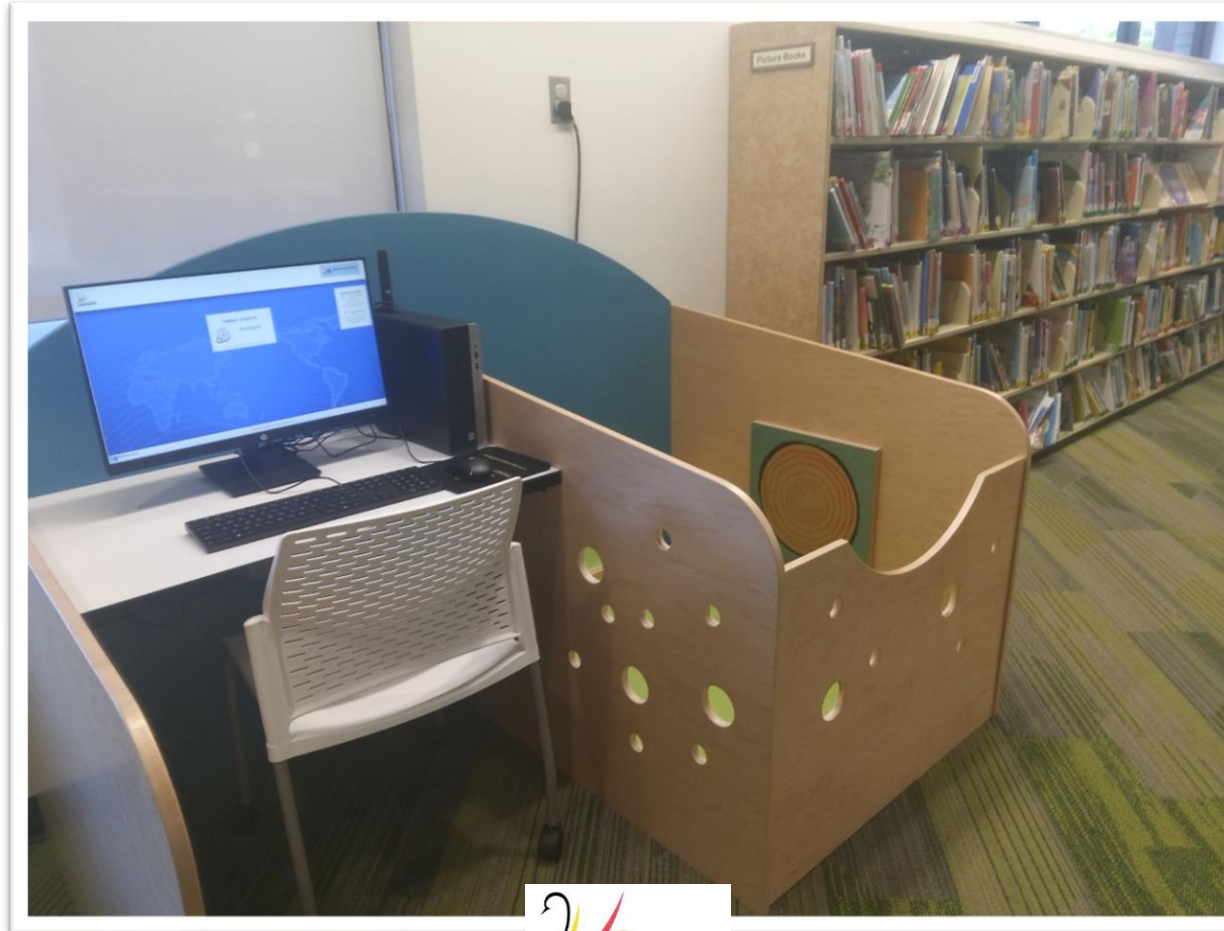
Children's Service Desk

The children's area is very big. If I need help looking for something, I can ask a librarian at the service desk.

The librarian will be very happy to help me find what I like!



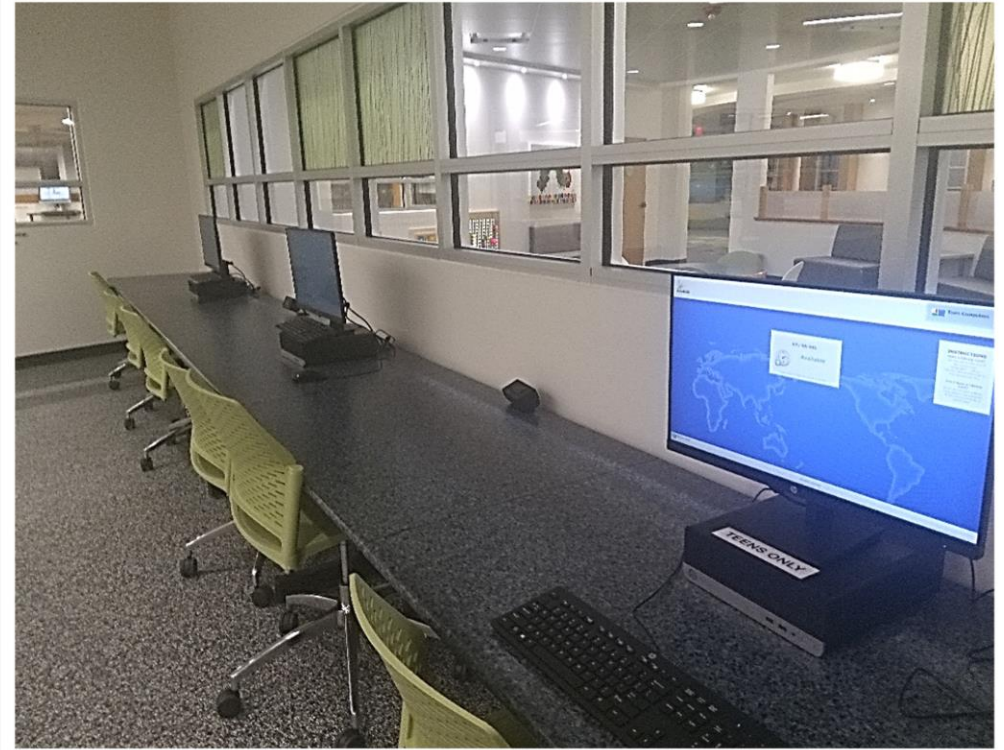
There Is a Special Computer for Caregivers and Their Babies.



This Machine Helps Checkout Books and Movies. If I Need Help, I Can Ask the Staff.



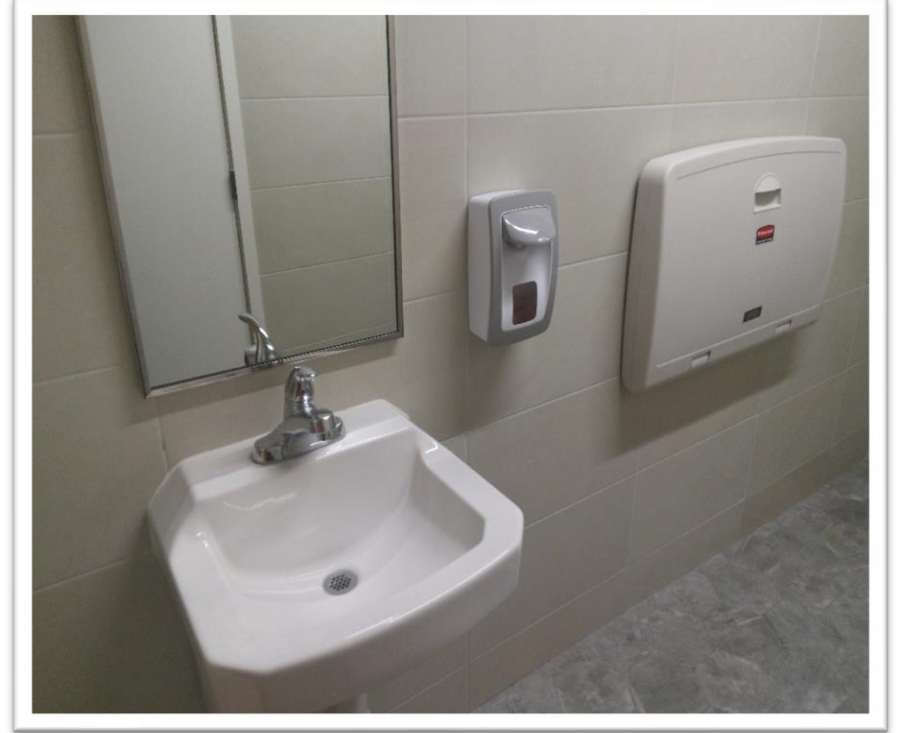
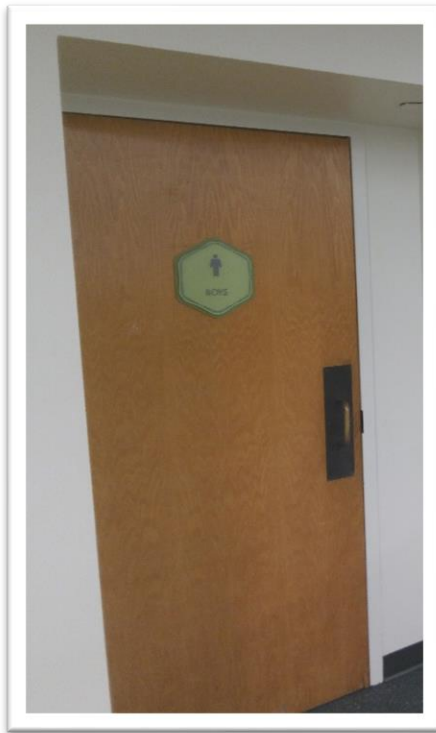
There Is a Room Just for Teenagers!



If I am a teen, I can read or use a computer here.

Bathrooms

There is a bathroom for boys and one for girls. There is also a family bathroom. Parents can use these too, and they can change diapers in here.



Bathrooms

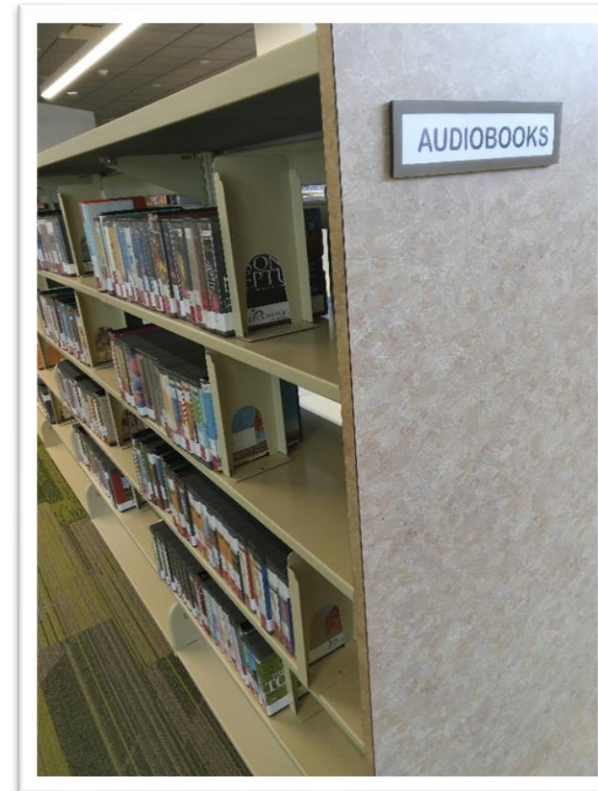
The electric hand dryer might be loud.

If I don't like loud noises, I can use the paper towels to dry my hands after washing.



I Will Be Careful with Books, Discs, and Equipment.

I will always take good care of the books, CDs, DVDs and other things I use or bring home from the library. That way, when I bring them back, someone else can enjoy them too!

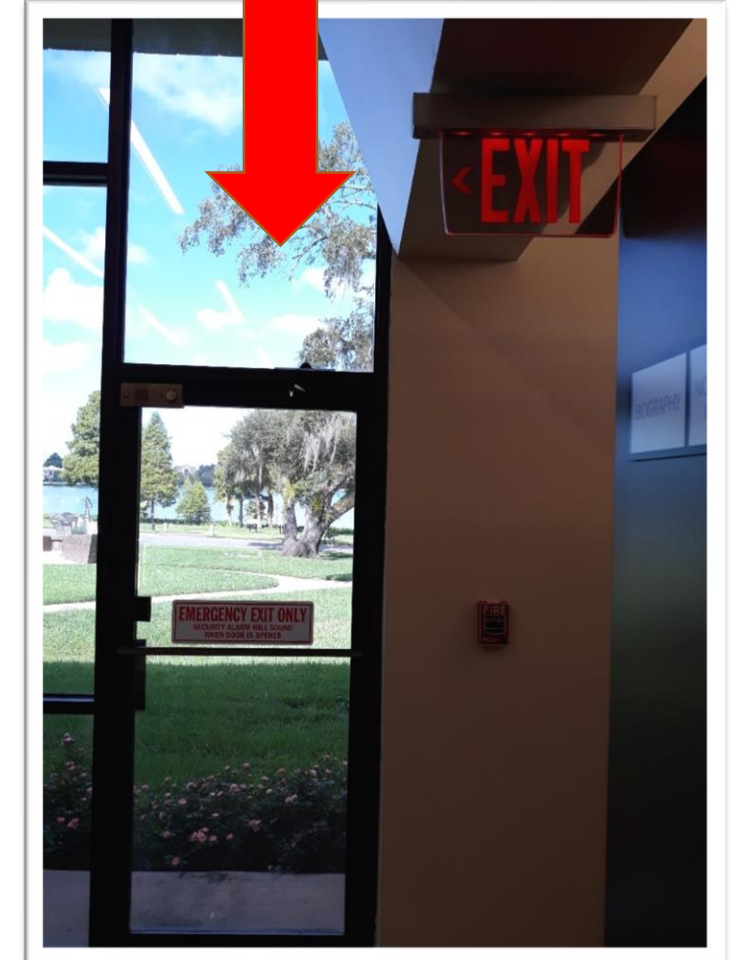


Emergency Exit Doors

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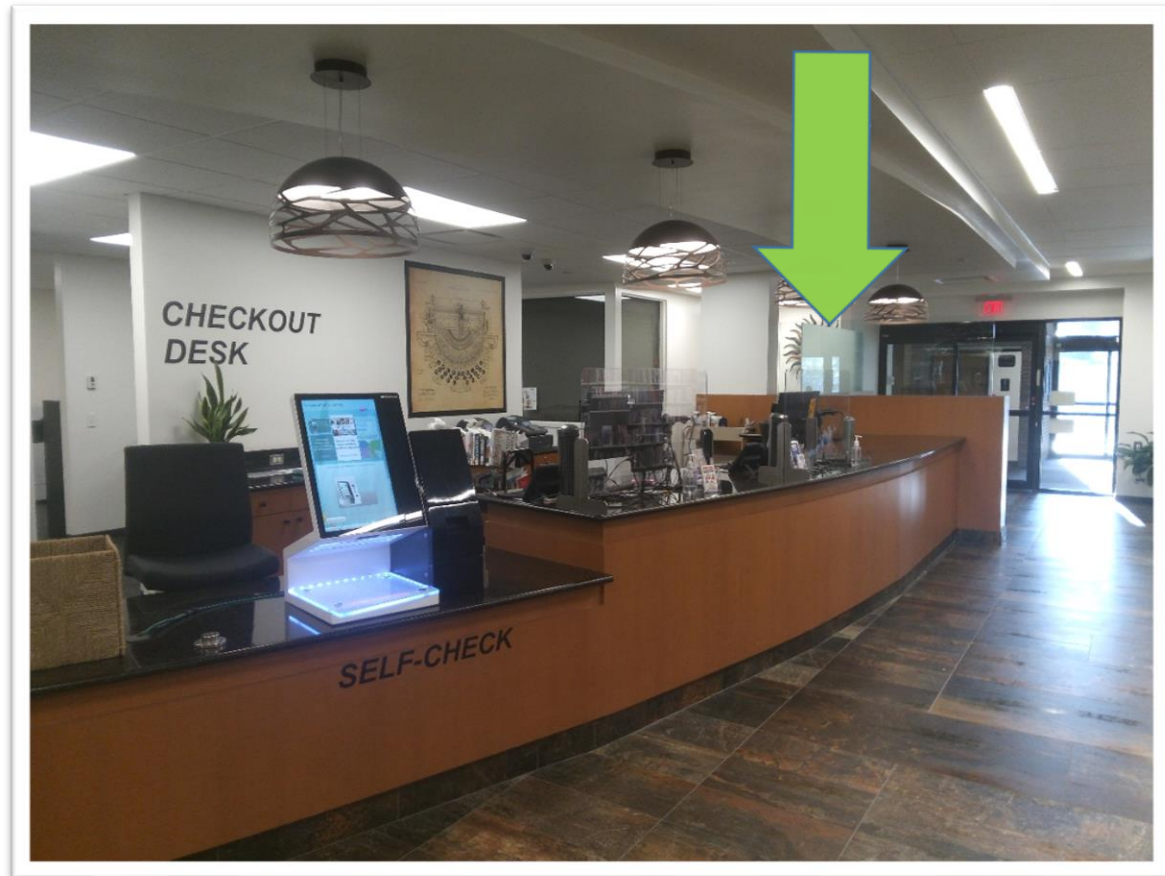
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I will listen to the adults and follow the instructions.



When I Am Done Looking at a Book or Other Materials, Here Is What I Can Do:

If I can't remember where I got my book, I can lay it on a table or return it here at the circulation desk.

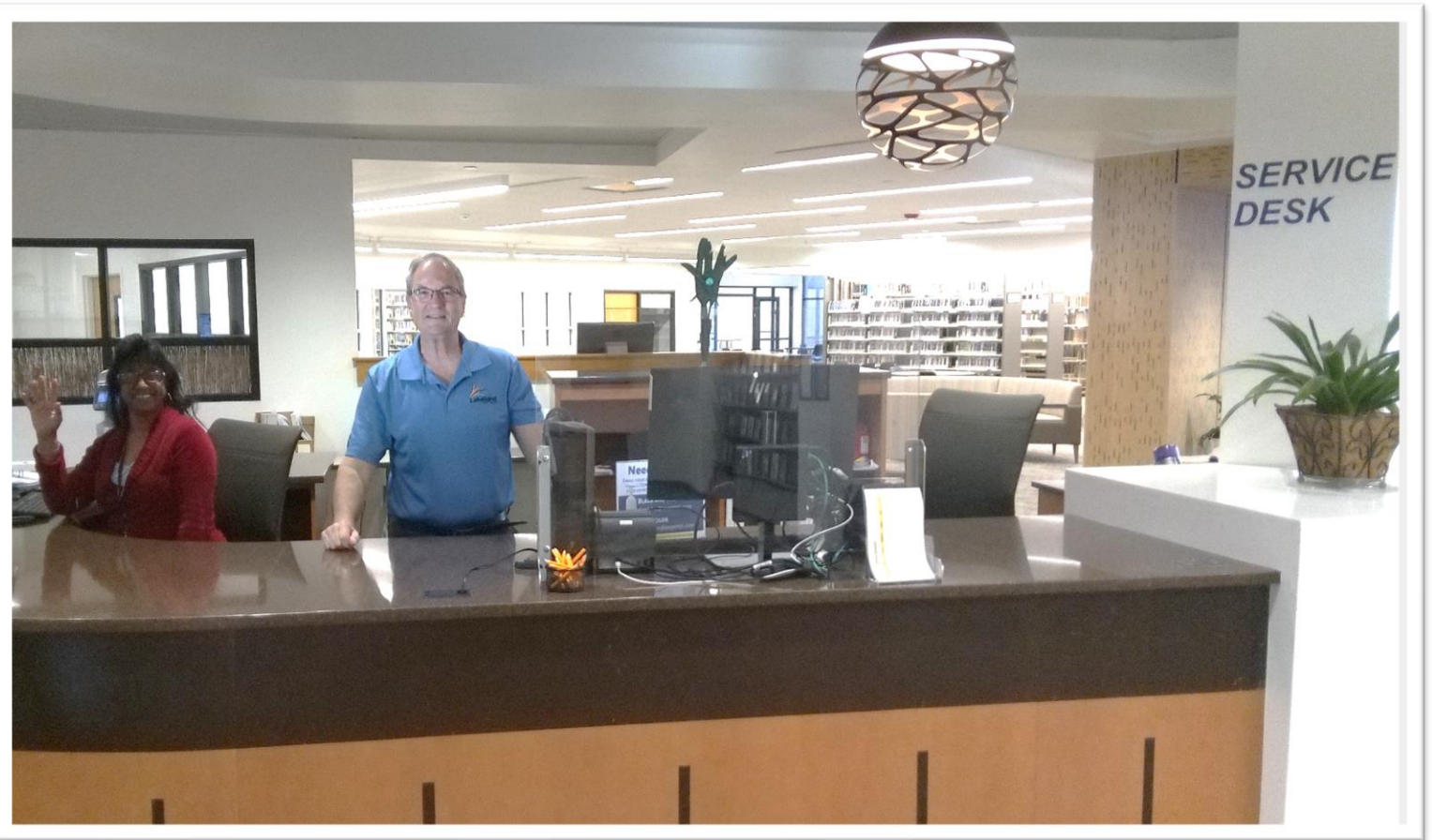


The Friendly Staff at the Library Like to Help Me Find Books and Materials I Want.

Sometimes the library might not have something I want.

I may have to wait for a little while until it can be borrowed from another library.

That's okay! There are lots of other books, DVDs and CDs to take out.



Visiting the Lakeland Public Library Is Going to Be a Lot of Fun!



If I follow the Library rules, I will always be welcome back!

The End



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