



Going to the Library

A social narrative for visiting Round Lake Area Public Library

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Soon, I will go to the library. This story is about how to visit the library.

Many people go to libraries. A library is a public place where I can look at books. A library may also have magazines, DVDs, music CDs, and computers.

Entering the Round Lake Area Public Library

When I arrive at the Round Lake Area Public Library, I will walk up the sidewalk to enter the building through the sliding glass door. The door will open as I approach.



How to Use the Library

When I'm inside the Library, I will use my inside voice when I talk to others. My voice should be quiet, so others can focus on their work.

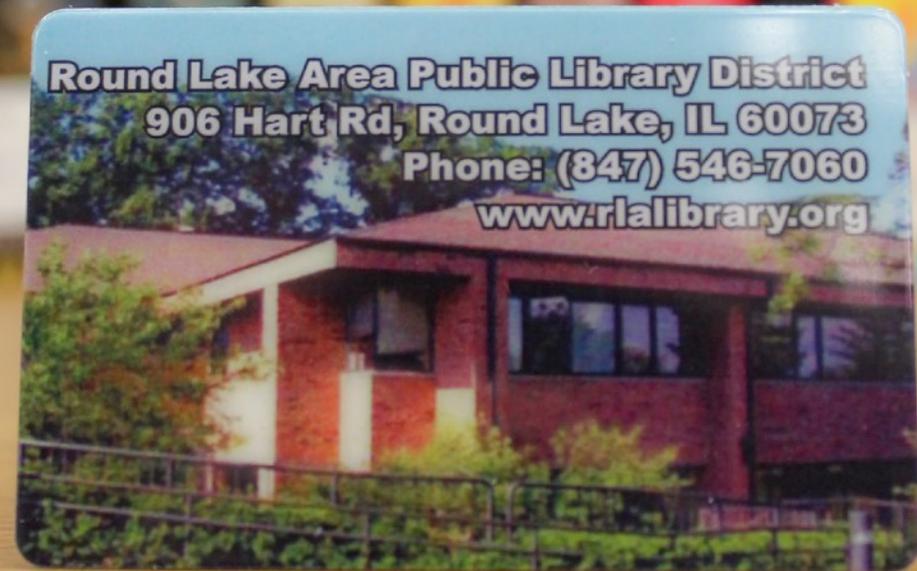
I will use walking feet and keep my hands to myself.

This helps keep myself, others, and materials at the library safe.



Library Card

This is a library card. If I want to take library materials home with me, I need to use a library card. I will bring this card with me when I visit the library.



Librarians

A Librarian works at the library. I can ask him or her a question. They can help me find what I am looking for.



Restrooms

If I need to use the restroom during my visit to the library, I will use the restroom inside the library. The restrooms are located near the entrance of the library and downstairs in the Youth Services Department. These restrooms have automatic toilets that flush on their own.



Water Fountain

If I need a drink of water while I am visiting the library, I can use the water fountain. The water fountain is located near the entrance of the library and down the stairs in the Youth Services Department.





Things to Do at the Library

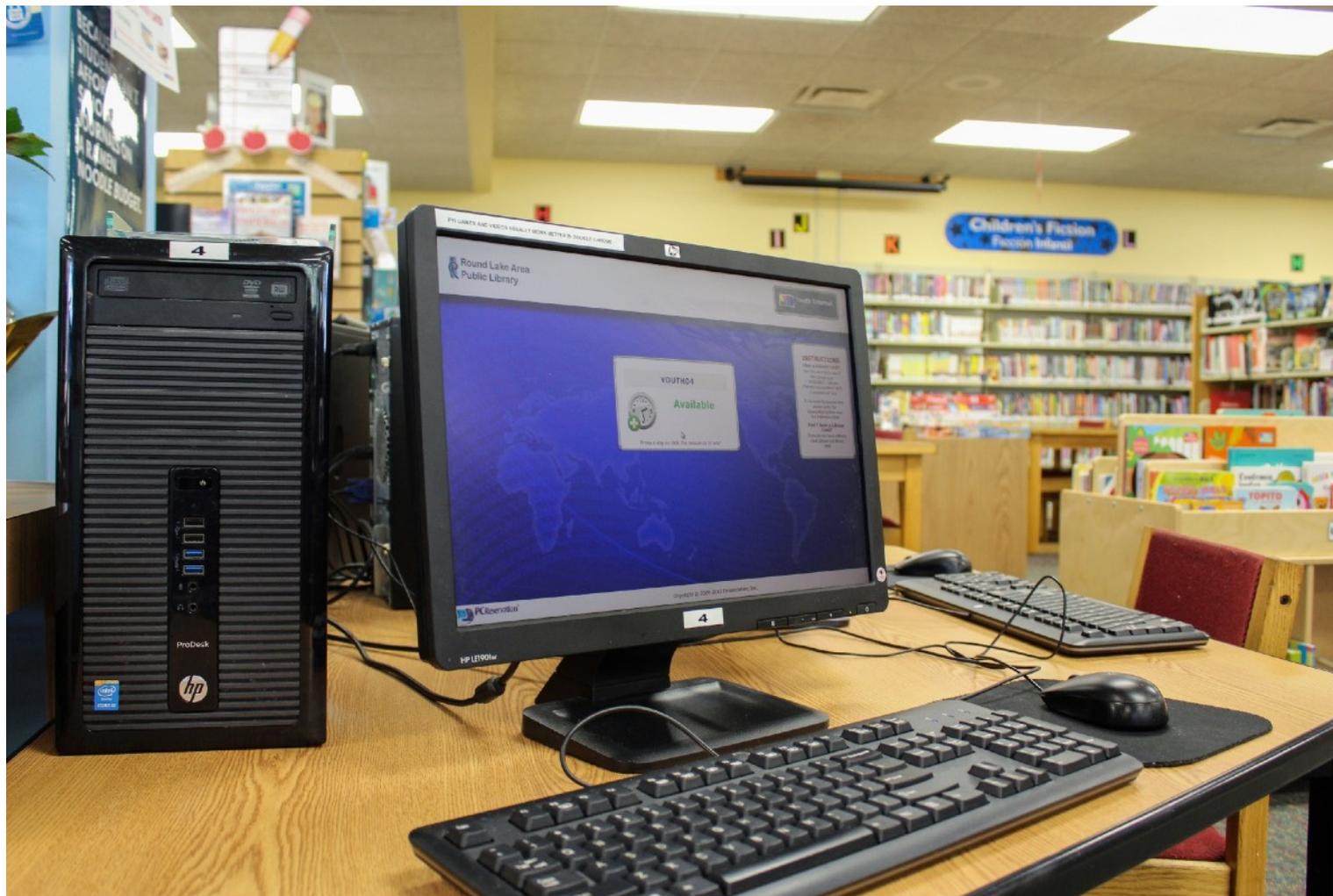
There are many things to do in the library.

I can find books to read.





I can grab a healthy snack from Helen's Café.



I can use the computer.

I can use the iPads to play games.





I can attend a program with other people. There may be kids who are just like me.

The X-Lab

With help from a librarian, I can use the X-Lab. In the X-lab, I can learn about 3D printing. I can also use one of many laptops and equipment in the X-Lab.



How to Find a Book

If I want to find a book, I can walk to a catalog computer.

When I type in the book's name, the computer will tell me where it is.

If I need help, I can ask a librarian. I can also find books by looking for them on the bookshelves myself.





Sounds at the Library

The library is generally a quiet place but sometimes there will be sounds.

In the library:

I may hear footsteps, items dropping and hitting the floor, and doors opening and closing.



I may hear the sound of loud talking or laughing in the children's area. This is the sound of children playing in the library.



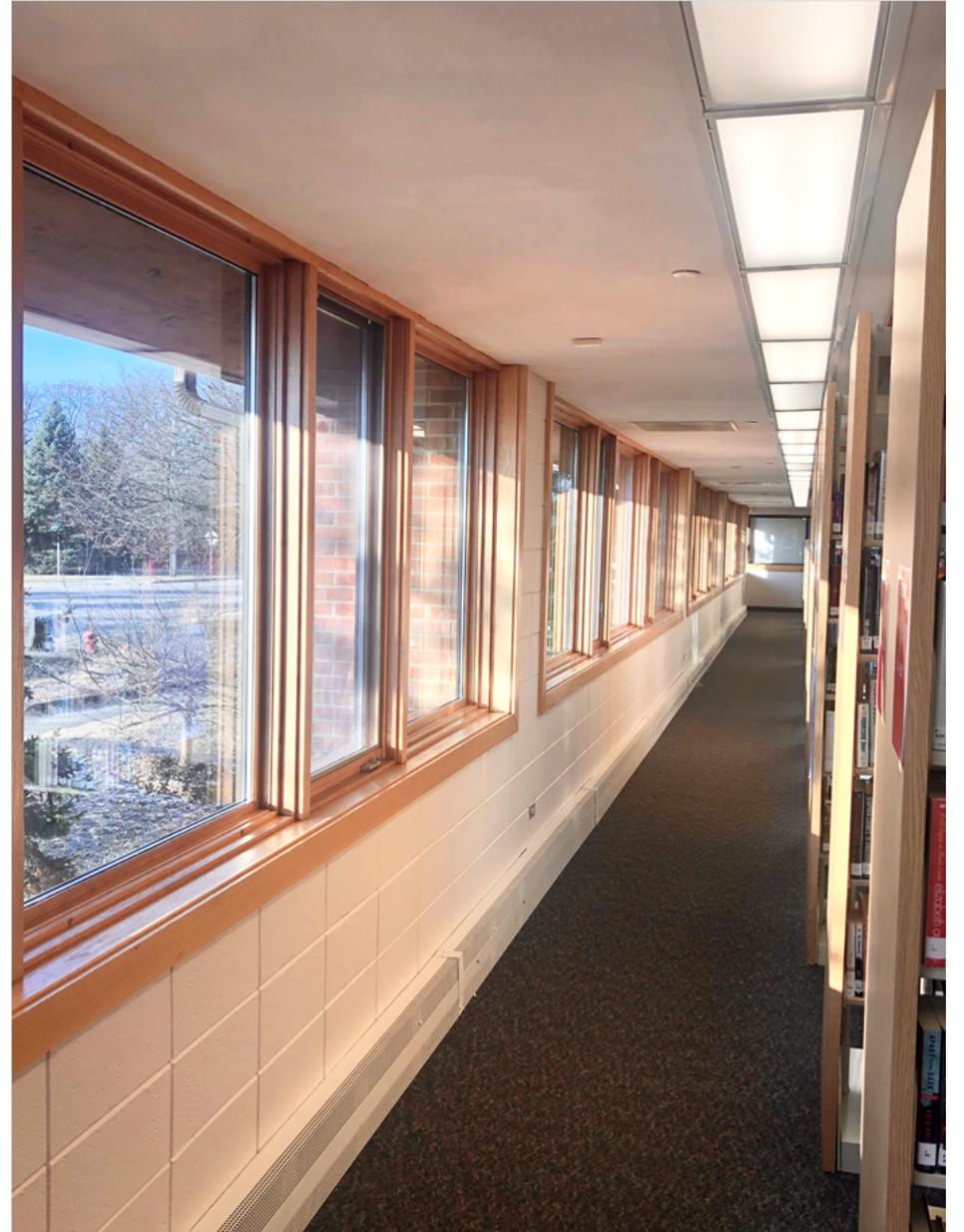
I may hear the voice of library staff making an announcement over the loud speaker. They are sharing important information with people in the library.



Families bring their babies to the library, so I may hear sounds of babies crying.

Lighting at the Library

The Library has many windows and lights throughout the building. Light helps people safely find their way through the library. It also helps people see clearly and find the materials they need.





Taking a break

If I need to take a break, I can ask a librarian to use a study room.

Accessibility Kit

The Accessibility Kit has items I can use while visiting the library.

If I need to use any of these items in the kit, such as headphones, fidgets, or cushions, I can ask the librarian to hand them to me. I can use them at the Library during my visit.

When I am done using the items, I will bring them back to the librarian.



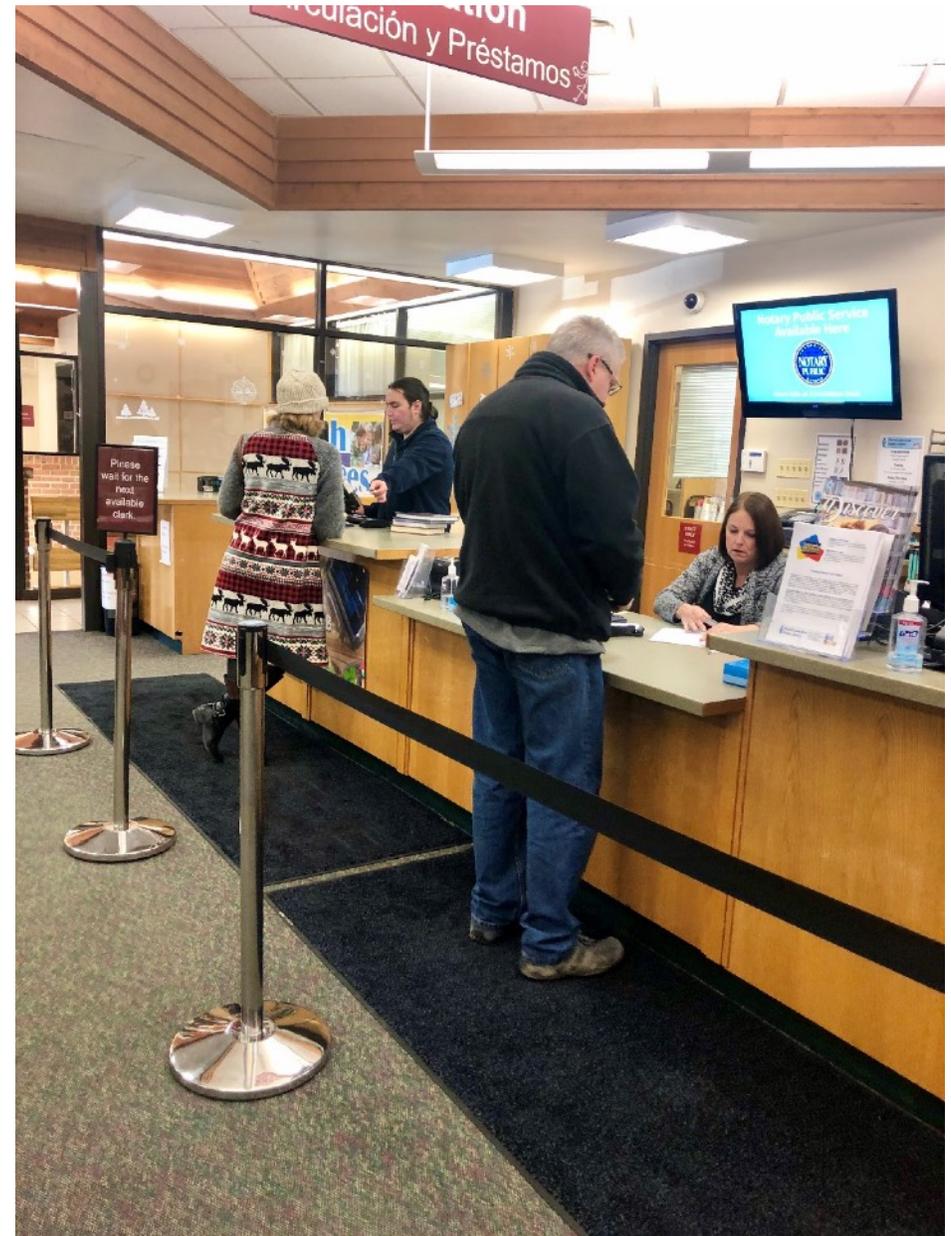
Preparing to Leave

When it is time to leave the library, I will collect all of my things and select the items I want to check out. I will bring these items and my library card to the checkout desk and ask the library staff for help.



Waiting in Line

I will wait in line if library staff are busy helping other people check out their items. When it is my turn, I can bring my items to library staff.



Checking Out My Items

I need to give my library card to library staff to check out my items and take them home. They will scan it and give it back to me.

Library staff will tell me when I will need to return my items back to the library.

Library staff will print a receipt with a list of all the items I checked out and their due dates. I can take this receipt home with me.



Self Checkout Machine

I can also choose to use the self checkout machine and check out my items myself.

When the self checkout machine is available, I will scan my library card.

Then, I will place each item on the scanning pad. I will need to scan each item one at a time.

When I am finished, I can decide if I want a printed receipt or not.



Returning My Library Items

When I am done using the items I checked out from the library, I will need to return them so that other people can use them.

I can return my items inside the library building or at the drop box in the parking lot.





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Our Mission

To engage our diverse community through resources and experiences that celebrate ideas, inspire creativity and enrich lives with exceptional personal service.

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