

This is My Library

Manitowoc Public Library



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A personal tour in print and pictures

The purpose of this book is to help pre-teach what the structure and routine of a library experience will be like. With this book, individuals will gain a visual familiarity of their own library so that they can feel comfortable during their visits, be able to use the services, and interact appropriately.

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This is the entrance of my library.



I go in through the sliding doors.
The doors make noise when they open and close.

These are the times I can visit my library.

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

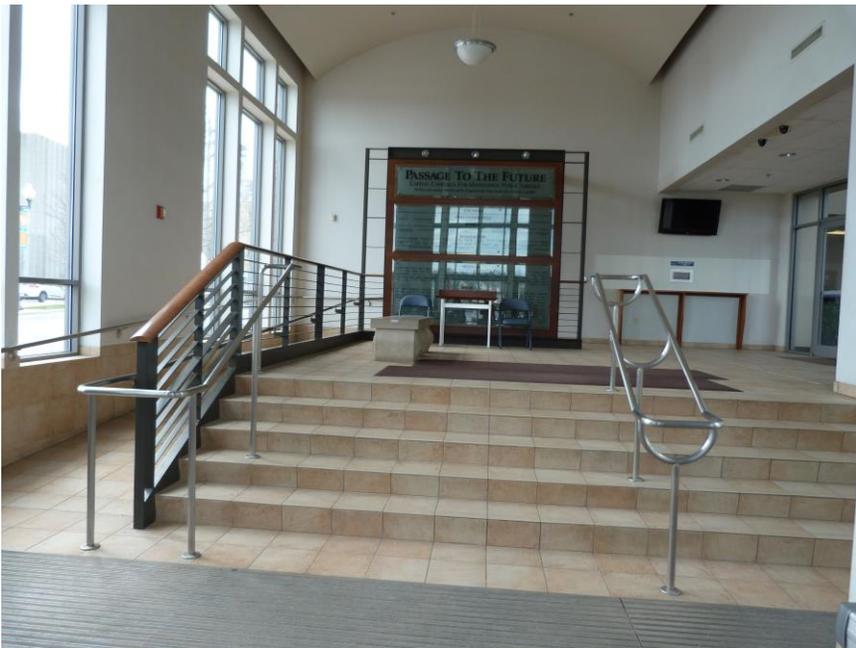
Friday: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sunday: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

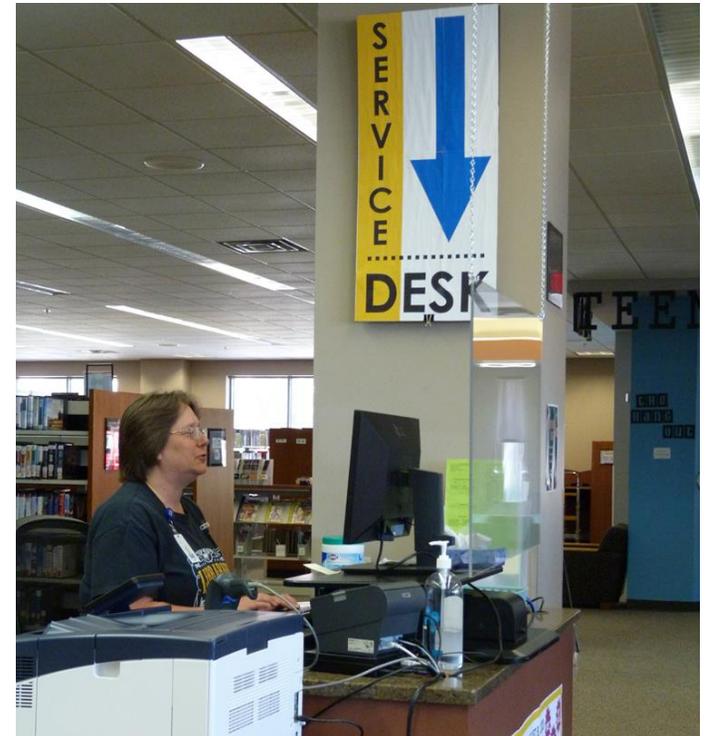
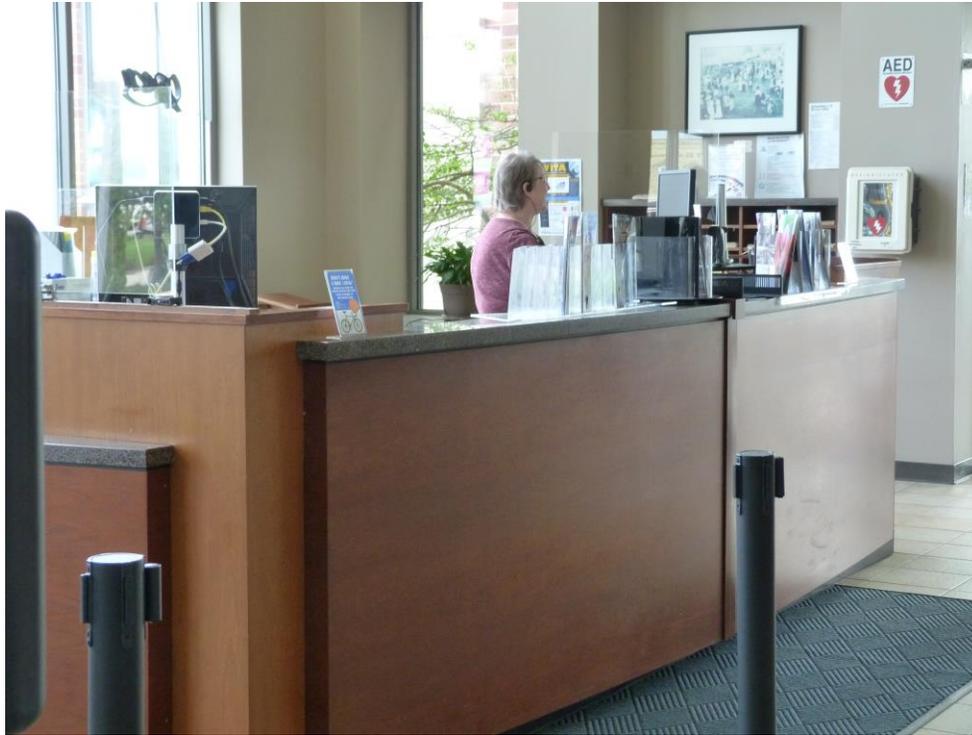


This is the lobby.



I can walk up the steps or the ramp.
I put the items that I brought back into the book return.

This is the Main Service Desk and the Remote Desk.



The people at these desks can answer questions or help me find what I am looking for. They can check my books out for me, too.

This is the first floor.



This is where adults can find things.
There are many shelves with books, movies, and other materials.

This is the Teen Area.



There are books, games, and other things for teenagers to use.
They can talk with their friends in this area.

This is the elevator.



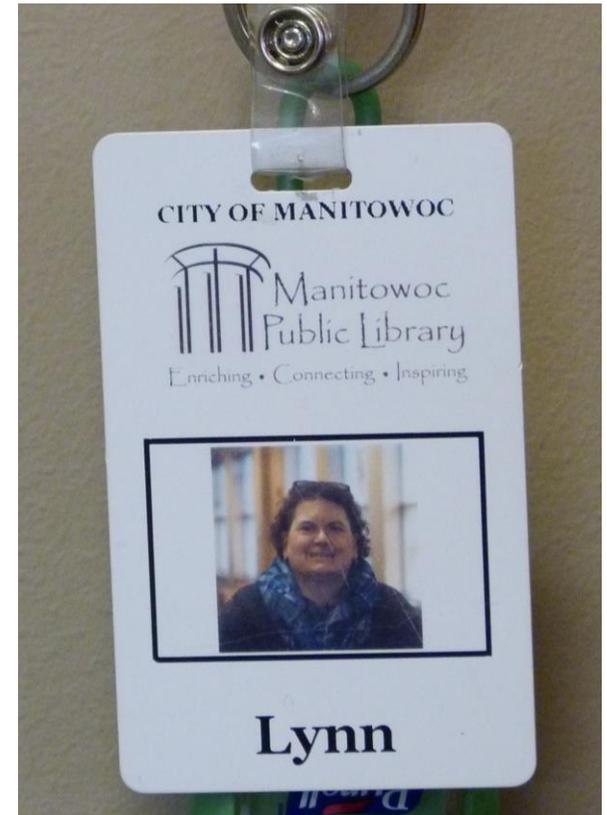
I can use it to get to the second floor.
The door to get out will open behind me.

**These are the stairs that I take
to get to the second floor.**



I walk up the stairs carefully. I can hang onto the railing for safety.
The Youth Department is on the second floor.

This is the Youth Department Service Desk.

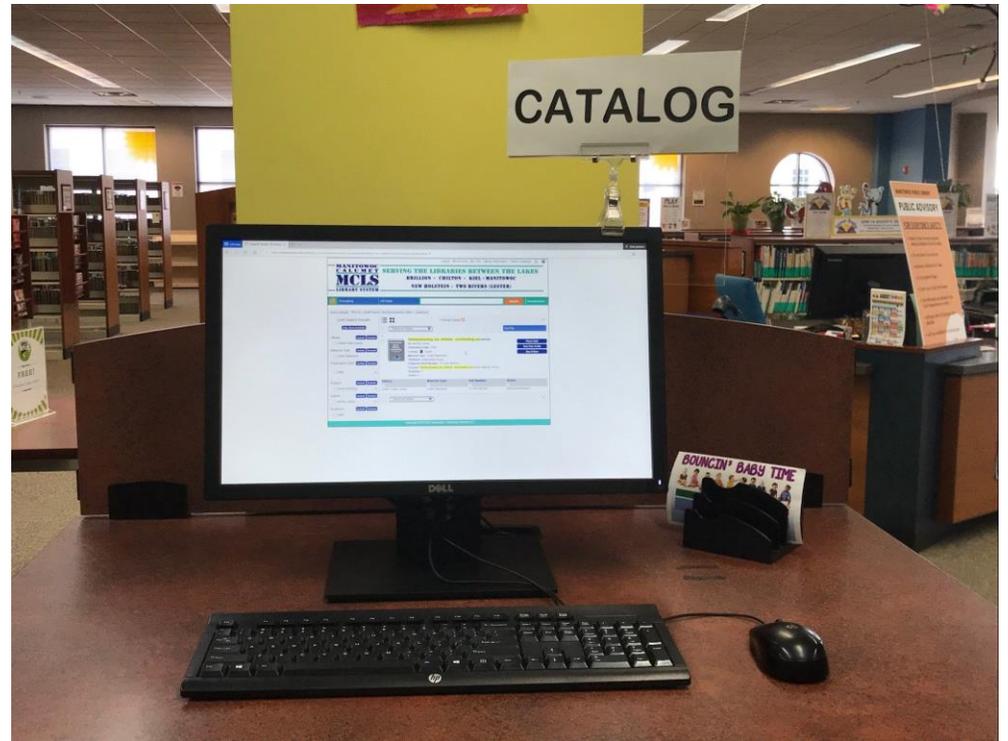


The staff at the desk can help me find things or answer my questions.

I can check out books, movies, and toys here, too.

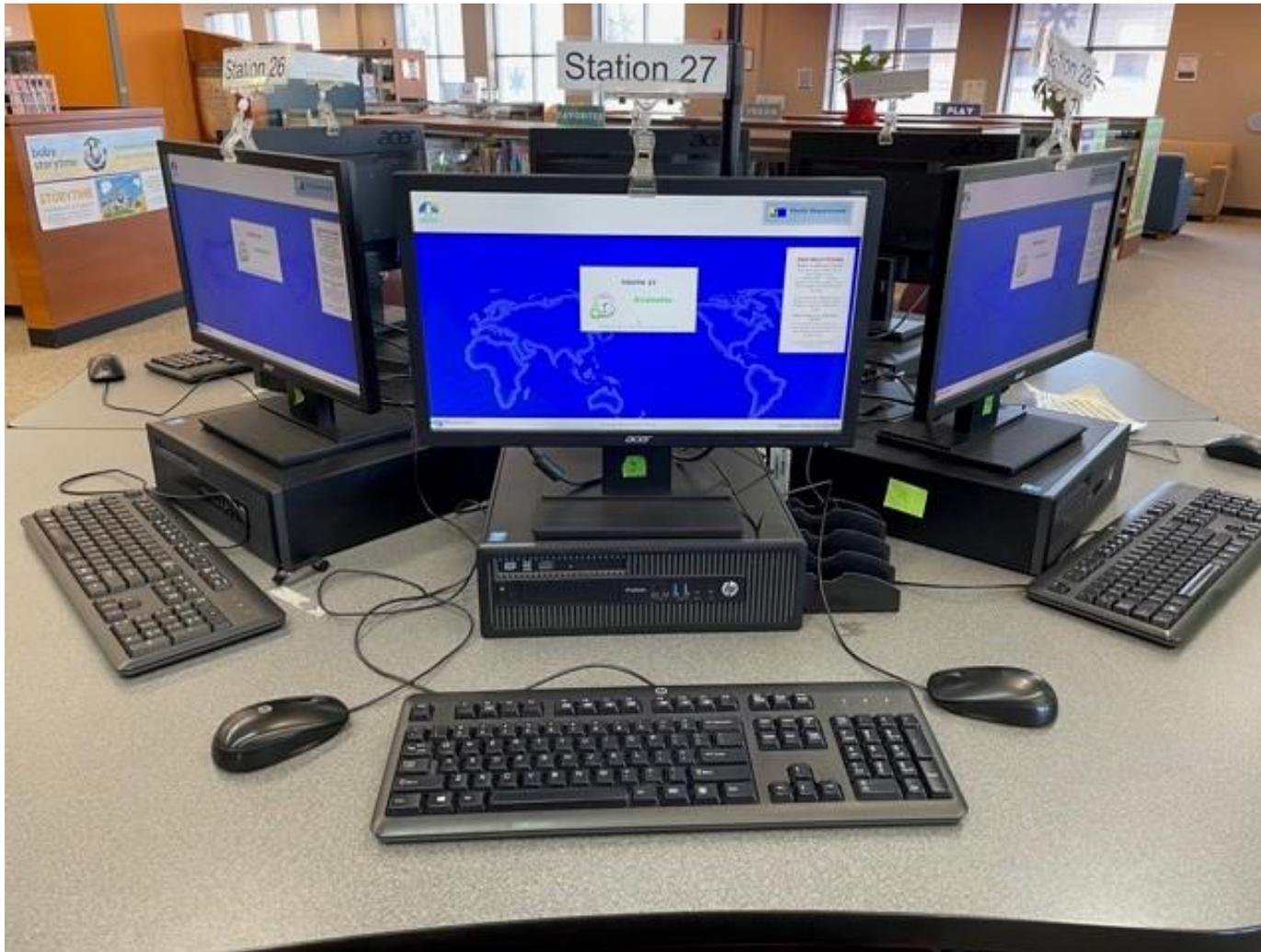
The staff wear ID badges. Any person I see wearing an ID badge like this can help me if I have questions or problems.

These are the catalog computers.



I can use one of these computer to find out where things are in the library and see if they have the book or movie I want to borrow.

These are the public computers.



I need to have a library card to use them.
I can use a computer for up to 2 hours a day.

These are the AWE computers.



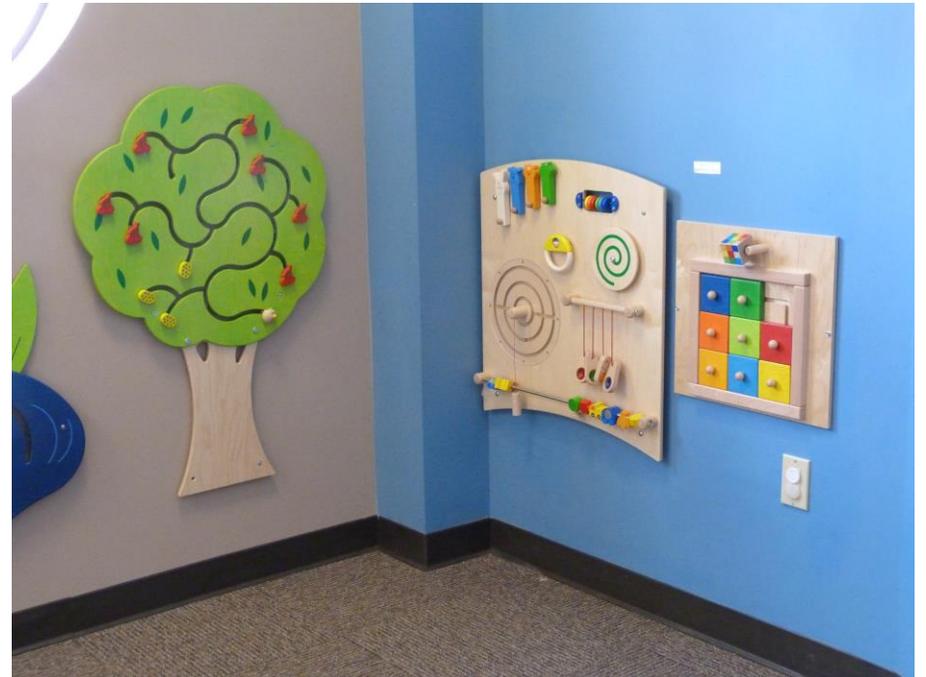
I can use these computers to play games.
I don't have to have a library card to use them.
I can play for up to 30 minutes.

This is the iPad station.



I can play games or watch videos on the iPads.
I put on the headphones so I can hear the sounds.

These are things I can play with.



I can share the toys with other people.
I can put things away when I am done playing.

There are lots of different things I can check out at my library.



There are books, audio kits, books on CD, movies, and music CDs that I can take home.

This is the Toy Library.



There are toys, games, and instruments that I can check out and take home to play with. I wait until I get home to play with these items.

This is the community room.



I can come in here with my adult for storytime,
to do a craft, or for other fun programs.

The lights are bright in this room,
and sometimes programs can get a little loud.

This is a sensory backpack.



There are things in the backpack that can help me feel more comfortable at the library. I can ask the staff at the Youth desk if I want to use any of the items in the backpack. The staff can help me find a quiet place if I'm feeling overwhelmed.

These are the drinking fountains.



I can use them if I am thirsty and I need a drink.
I can stand on a stool if I am too short to reach the water.

This is a self-check machine.



I can use this machine to check out books by myself.
I can print a receipt to show when my books are due.

This is the toddler bathroom.



This bathroom is for small children. If I need a grown-up bathroom, I can ask the staff at the desk where to find it.

These are the security gates.

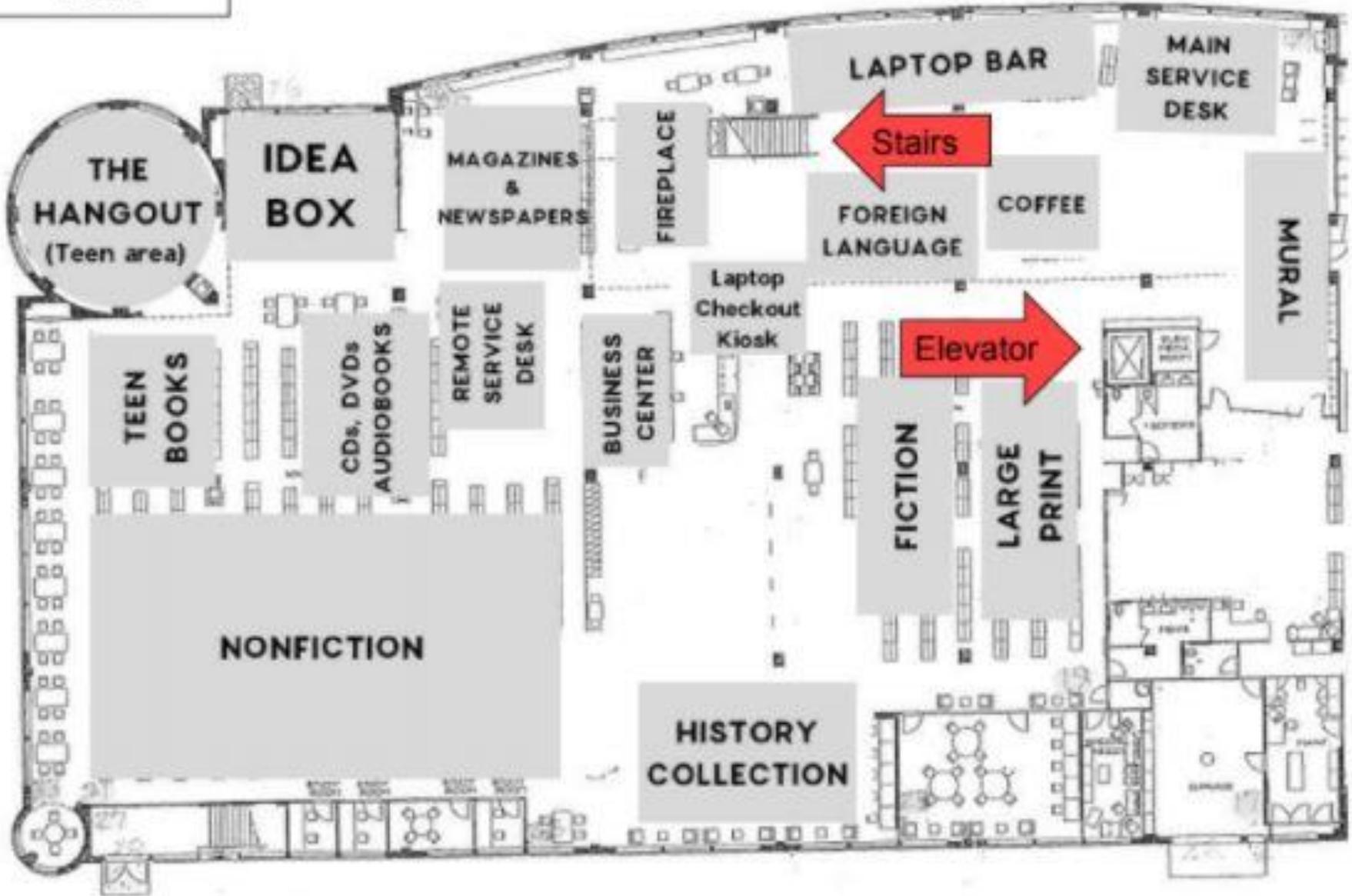


Sometimes they make noise and a red light comes on.
It's ok when that happens. The staff at the desk can help me.

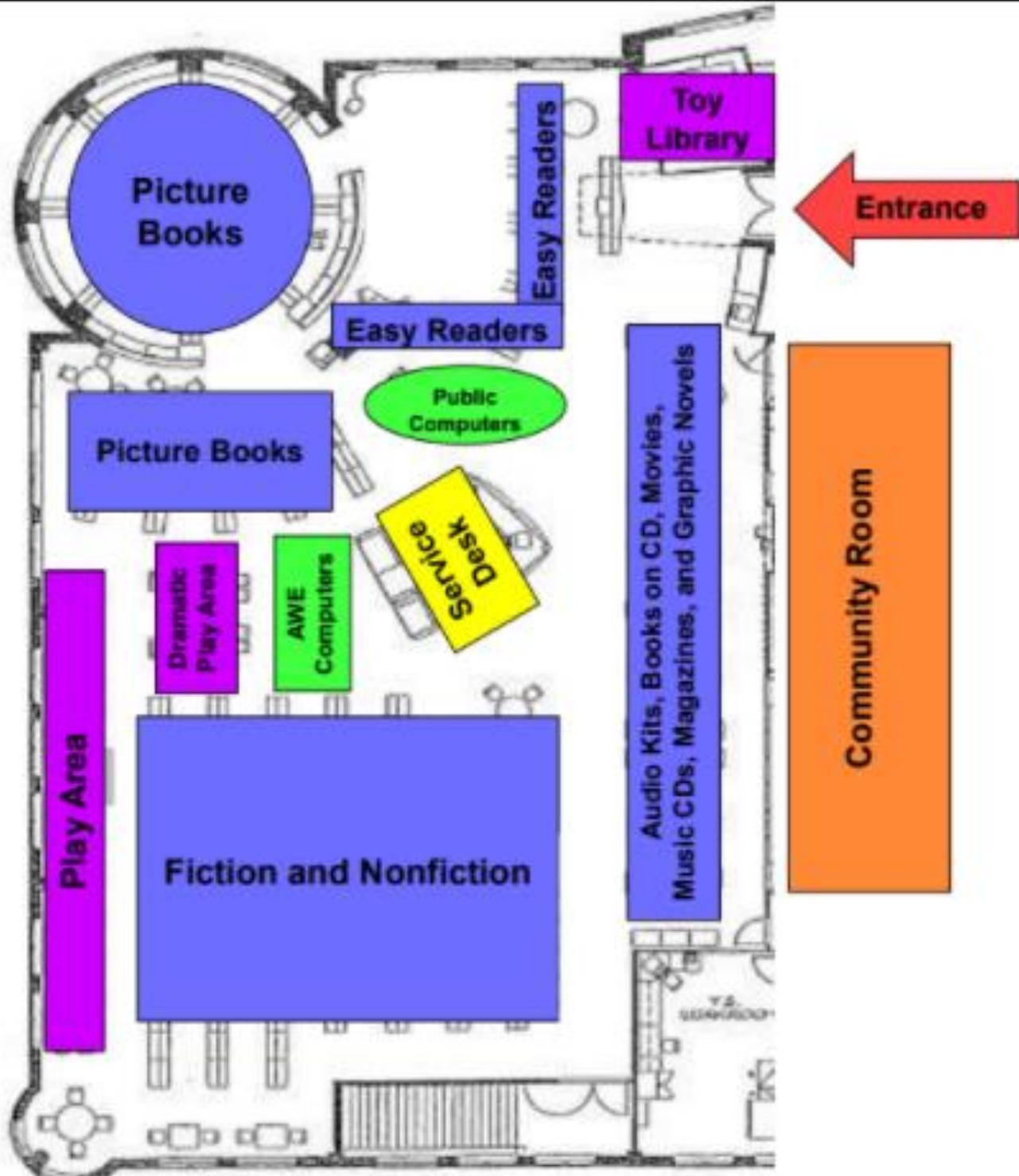
I can come back to my library again when it's time to return the things I borrowed and to find new books, movies, or toys.



MPL First Floor



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