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North Portland Library
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A personal tour in print and pictures

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

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These are the times I can use my library.

Monday, 12-8 pm  
Tuesday, 12-8 pm  
Wednesday, 10 am-6 pm  
Thursday, 10 am-6 pm  
Friday, 10 am-6 pm  
Saturday, 10 am-6 pm  
Sunday, 12-5 pm
This is the entrance.
There is a lobby. I will enter more doors before I am in the library.
This is the inside of my library.

There are tables and computers to use in different parts of the library. There are many shelves with books.
The children’s area is at the front of my library.
The children’s area has a lot of books I can borrow.
The children’s area also has audiobooks, music, movies, and more I can borrow.
My library has headphones and other things to help me when I visit.

I can use the special seats, lap pad, headphones and fidgets during my visit to the library.

It’s okay to bring and wear sunglasses inside if the lights are too bright.
There are tables in the children’s area.

These are nice places to color after storytime, read a book or do homework.
The children’s area has a play piece with parts that move.

It’s important to share, take turns, and use a quiet voice when I am in the library.
There are iPads in the children’s area with stories and games.

There is a signup board to write my name on and I can erase my name when I am done using the iPad.
I can use a computer to find things in the library and if they have the book, music or movie I want.

These computers have blue signs on top.
I can use other computers to get on the Internet.

These computers have purple and yellow signs on top. I need my library card and password to use the Internet computers. If I forget them, the librarians can help me.
These are the librarians who do storytimes at my library.

Her name is Thalia.  

His name is LeFoster.

They do other programs too, and help people in the library. Sometimes they need to be somewhere else and I will see a different librarian.
Storytime is sometimes in the children’s area of my library.

When there is a program, the library might be noisy.
There is also a big room at my library where I can go for programs.

The program room is upstairs.
The bathroom and drinking fountains are down a hallway at my library.

I need to get the key from the desk to use the bathroom.

I also walk down this hallway to find the stairs to go up to the program room.
These are library cards.

I can get my own library card. Then I can check out books, music and movies. I can also use an Internet computer.
There is a large desk in the middle of my library.

The librarians can help me find the things I’m looking for and answer my questions. They can help me check out books, movies and music. This is also where I can get a library card if I don’t have one yet.
At this station, I can check things out by myself.

I need my library card and my password to use this checkout station.
These are the gates I walk through when I leave the library.
I use the book return slots outside or inside my library to return what I borrowed.
I’ll come back to my library to return the things I borrowed. I will find new things to take home!