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Northwest 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 another door 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 near the front of my library.
There are a table and chairs in the children’s area.

This is a nice place to read a book.
This is the information desk at my library.

The librarians who work here can help me find the things I’m looking for and answer my questions.
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.
The children’s area has play pieces 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.
I can use a catalog computer to find books, music and movies in the library.

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.
This is the librarian who leads storytimes at my library.

Her name is Susan.

She does other programs too, and helps people in the library. Sometimes she needs to be somewhere else and I will see a different librarian.
There is a big room at my library where I can go for storytime, crafts and other programs.

When there is a program, the library might be noisy. I can use the headphones from the basket to help if it’s too loud.
The bathrooms and drinking fountains are near 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.
The front desk is where I can check out books, movies and music.

This is 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!