

Welcome to the
White River Branch
of the
Johnson County Public Library

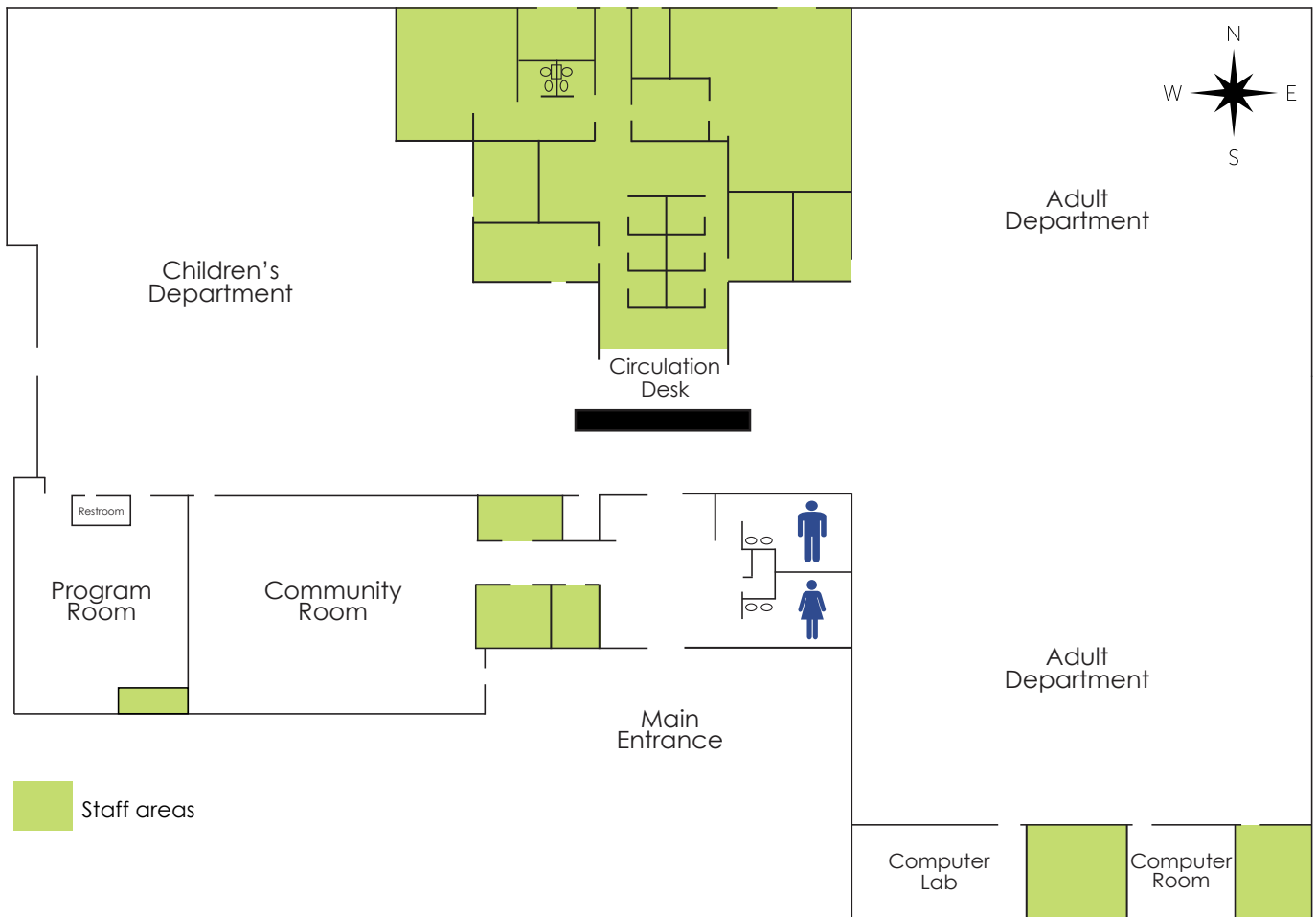


A Social Story about Visiting the Library

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Note to Caregivers:

The purpose of this book is to help prepare children for a visit to the Johnson County Public Library. Reading this book before you visit the library will help your child gain familiarity with the library so they can feel comfortable during their visit.



This is my library.

It is the White River Branch of the Johnson County Public Library. I can go to the library to check out books, movies and more.



This is the front of my library.

When I walk into the library, I can open the doors myself or hit the blue button and the doors will open automatically.



This is the lobby of my library.

When I enter the library, I walk through the lobby to go into the library. If I need to use the restroom before I go to the library, the restroom is in the lobby.



At my library, the books for children are on the left. This is the children's area.

There are many books in my library. They are neat and organized and all have a space on the shelf where they belong. My library has rules. I will talk quietly. I will walk. I will stay with my grown-up.



This is the Children's Desk at my library.

This is where the children's librarian works. The librarian wears a nametag. The librarian is very helpful. I can ask the librarian to help me find a book or movie. The librarian likes answering my questions.



There are many chairs at my library.

When I find a book I like, I can sit in a chair and read it. Sometimes when there are lots of children here, the children's area can be noisy and busy. People are talking and playing.



These are the toys at my library.

I can play with the toys at the library. When I am finished playing, I will put the toys away neatly.



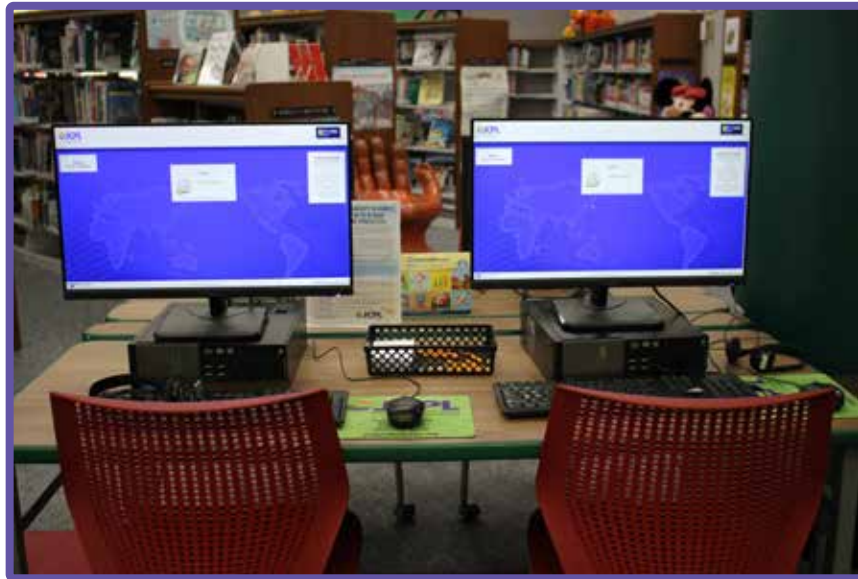
These are some of the decorations at my library.

My library has colorful kites hanging from the ceiling. There is also a large green dinosaur. I know that it is just pretend. I can look but I don't touch.



My library has computers.

I can use some of the computers to find books and movies at the library. On the children's computers, I can play games with my grown-up.



My library has quieter spaces.

I can visit a quieter space if the library gets too noisy.
I can also ask the children's librarian for the sensory room kit.



These are the restrooms at my library.

There are two restrooms at the library.

The family restroom in the children's department is small and only one family can go in at a time.



The restroom in the lobby is bigger. The lights come on automatically when I enter. The water comes on automatically when I wash my hands.



This is the program room at my library.

On special days, there are storytimes at the library.

When it is time for storytime, this is where I will go.

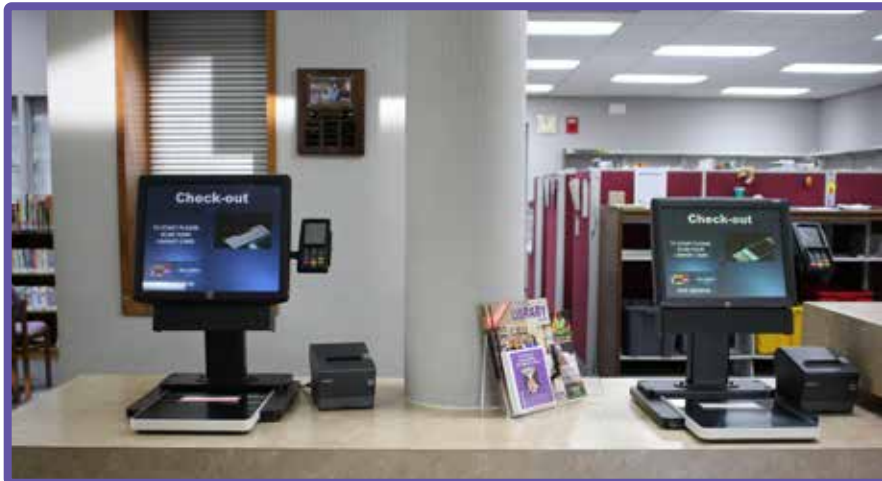
The librarian will read to me and we will sing songs together.

Storytime is fun and sometimes it is noisy. Sometimes my library has other programs in this room, too.



I go to the Circulation Desk at my library.

When I am ready to leave the library, I need to bring the items I want to borrow to the Circulation Desk. I will use my library card to checkout my items. Sometimes there is a line and I will be patient as we wait our turn. I can use the self-checkout machine to check out my own things. Every time I scan a book or movie, it makes a beep. The librarian can also check out my books. I will hear lots of beeping sounds at this desk.



This is the book return at my library.

When it is time to return my books, I will put them carefully in the book drop. There is a book drop outside, too. It is near the parking lot and I can return my books here on days when I'm not going inside.



I am ready to go home.

Sometimes when I leave the library, I will hear an alarm beep. It is loud, but I don't have to worry. It means that someone forgot to check out a book before they left.



I had fun at the library.
I will come back soon when it is time to return the
items I checked out and find new books and movies.
I hope to visit again soon!

