Our Visit to
The Clearwater Main Public Library
Children’s Area
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When is the library open?

OPEN

CLOSE

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am-7pm

Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 12-5pm

Some areas of the library, and all computers, are shut down 15 minutes before closing time.
Notes for parents and caregivers

- If your family, class or group would like a tour of the library, ask at the children’s reference desk, or call the Answer Line at (727) 562-4970.
- If you or anyone in your group has sensory sensitivities, you may want to be aware of the loud hand dryers in restrooms. The one exception is the family restroom in the children’s department, which has paper towels.
- If your child needs a place to go for some quiet time for a few minutes, please ask at the Children’s Reference Desk on the 2nd floor.
- Information on some slides will change after reconstruction of the circulation area is complete.
This is where we park our car.

We will walk through this blue gate.

This is the door we use to go inside.
We can ask someone here for help finding the children’s department, how to get a library card or check out books and other things.
We need a library card to:
• Check out books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.
• Use library computers to go online.
• Log in to the library website from our computers at home.
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Where things are in the library

FIRST FLOOR
- Circulation Desk
- Café, Meeting Rooms
- Friends’ Bookstore
- Fiction, Bestsellers
- AV, Large Print

SECOND FLOOR
- Youth Services
- Children’s Program Room
- Teen Room
- Library Administration

THIRD FLOOR
- Reference
- Nonfiction
- Computer Lab
- Magazines & Newspapers

FOURTH FLOOR
- Special Collections
- Library Foundation
My library has rules

• If I am younger than seven years old, I must stay where my parent or where the person taking care of me can see me.
• We will walk calmly inside.
• We will use a quiet voice.
• If I have my own library card, I may use a computer.
• One adult who is with me today can also use a computer.
• I will wait my turn to use a computer.
• No food or drinks outside of the café on the first floor. I can take drinks in some areas if they have lids or tops.
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Some things are only for emergencies.

We will only go out this door if we are told to by people who work at the Library.

This is a fire alarm. We will not play with this alarm.
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Caution signs

These signs = uh oh! Something spilled here, or something is not working. We will walk carefully around the sign, or not go beyond the sign. If the elevator is not working, we can use another elevator, or go up and down the stairs instead.
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Elevators

The Children’s Area is on the second floor. We can go on the elevators.

Sometimes the elevator moves just a little after it reaches the floor we are going to. It is OK.

Sometimes an elevator might be broken. We can take another elevator, or we can choose to walk up or down the stairs. Maybe next time we come to the library, it will be fixed.

See the CAUTION sign? This means be careful!
If we choose to use the stairs, we can walk up to the 2\textsuperscript{nd} floor. We will hold the railing and be careful!
Sometimes the café is open. We can look for signs that tell us when the café is open. This sign shows summer hours. The hours may change. We can look at menus to see what they have to eat. Maybe we will go to the café. Maybe we will not go to the café on this visit. Maybe another day!
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Book and gift store

The book and gift store has many books, jewelry, and other items for sale. This is not the same as other parts of the library where we can borrow things. This store sells things to make money to help the library. Store hours are different on each day.
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Youth Services (Children’s Area)
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Children’s reference desk

The Children’s Area is very big. If I need help looking for something, I can ask a librarian at the reference desk. The librarian will be very happy to help me!
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Places to sit and look at books
When I am done looking at a book

We can put things on this cart when we are done looking at them, and are not going to check them out. The people who work at the library will put them back on the shelves.
This is the restroom in the children’s area. It is for children and their families. Parents can change diapers in here, too.

The toilet flushes by itself when I am all done using it. The sound of the toilet flushing might be loud and sudden. Maybe I will want to cover my ears before I get off the toilet if loud noises bother me. This restroom has paper towels. No loud hand dryer.
We can look for other signs like this to find other restrooms at the library.

Most restrooms do not have paper towels to dry our hands with. We will see hand dryers like this. These dryers are very loud. If the sound bothers me, maybe my parent or person taking care of me can take me to the children’s restroom.
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**Story time area**

When we go to storytime, we will walk through the light wall. When we move, the lights flash. We will hear a soft click when each light turns on and off.
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Storytime room

We will go through these doors to get to the storytime room. If we are going to storytime at the library, we can read another story called “Sensory Storytime at the Clearwater Public Library”. [link?]
We can check out books and other things by ourselves! We will use this checkout station. If we need help, we will ask a librarian to help us learn how to use it.
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Returning library books or other things

We can return books, DVDs and other things inside the library, or we can stay in the car and drive to the MATERIALS RETURN in the parking lot.
Time to go!

When it is time to go, we will put things that we are done with on a cart, and take the elevators or the stairs, and walk quietly toward the EXIT.

Good bye for this visit. See you next time!