

# This is My Library

## The Rock Island Downtown Library



More about me: <https://www.rockislandlibrary.org/locations-hours/downtown>

# Welcome to the Downtown Library!



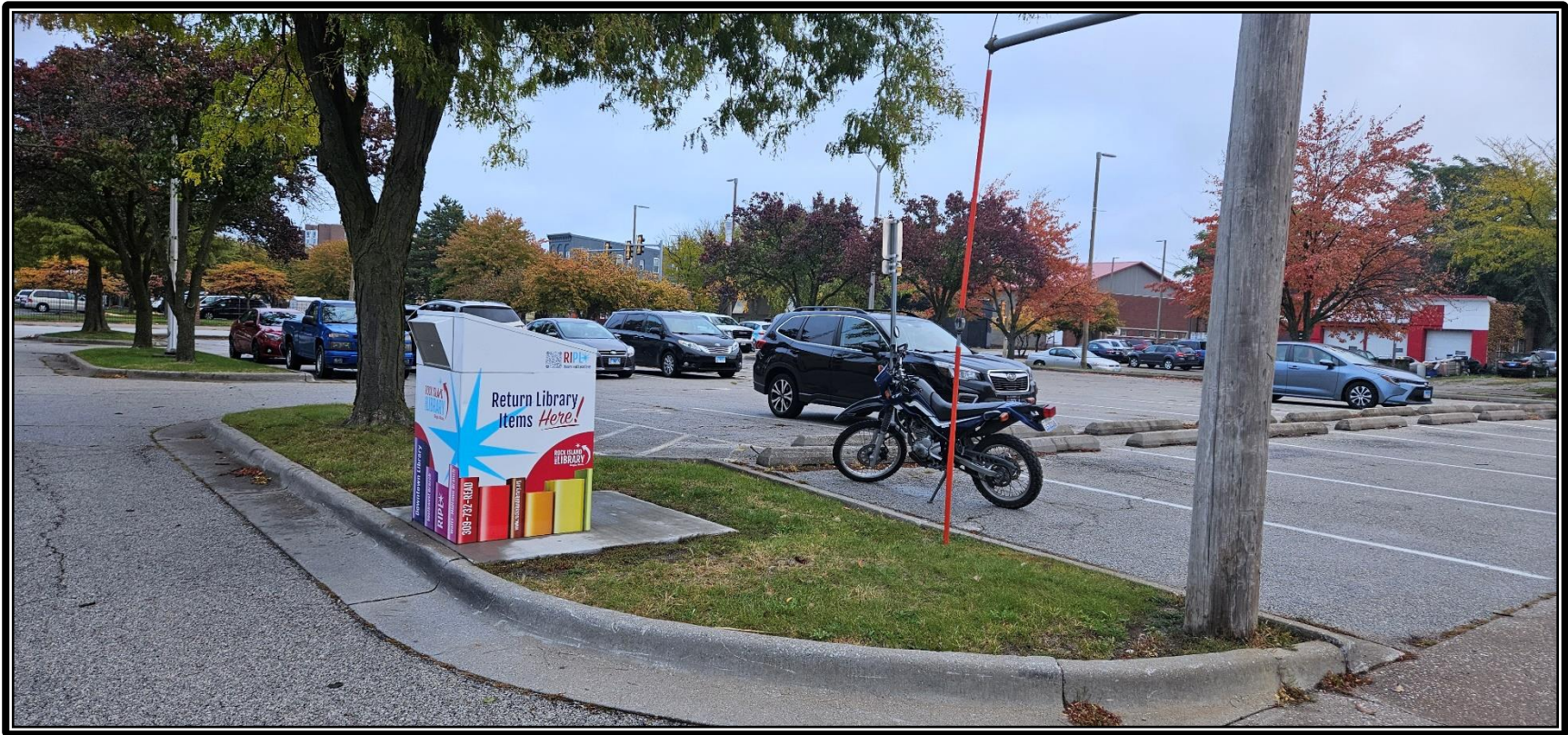
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## Downtown Library Entrances:

The **Rock Island Downtown Library** has two entrances. The entrance with stairs is on the west side of the building, facing 19<sup>th</sup> Street. The entrance on the south side, facing the alley, is fully accessible. Let's begin at the South Entrance.



# This is Where I Can Park at the Downtown Library



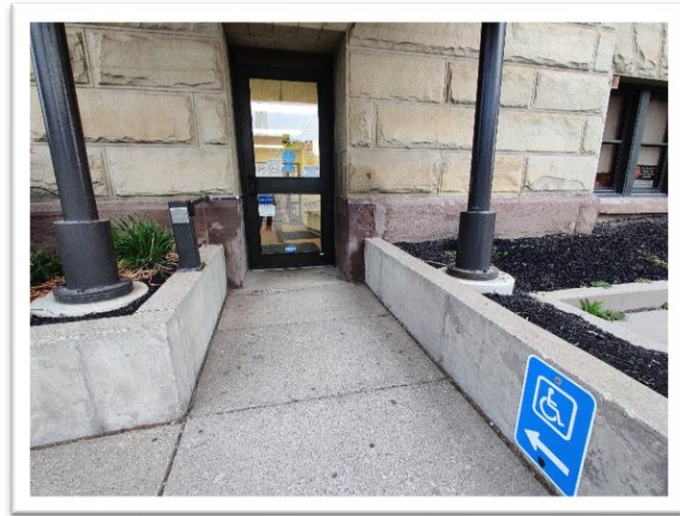
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## Library Parking Lot

If I drive to the **Downtown Library**, I will find free parking to the east of the building. Access to the lot is off either 20<sup>th</sup> Street, through the alley, or via the driveway off 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This lot is owned by the Library. I can also park on the street, along 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue or 19<sup>th</sup> Street. If I just want to return books, I can leave my items in the colorful Library return box. This box is located in the parking lot.



# Approaching the Library from the Parking Lot



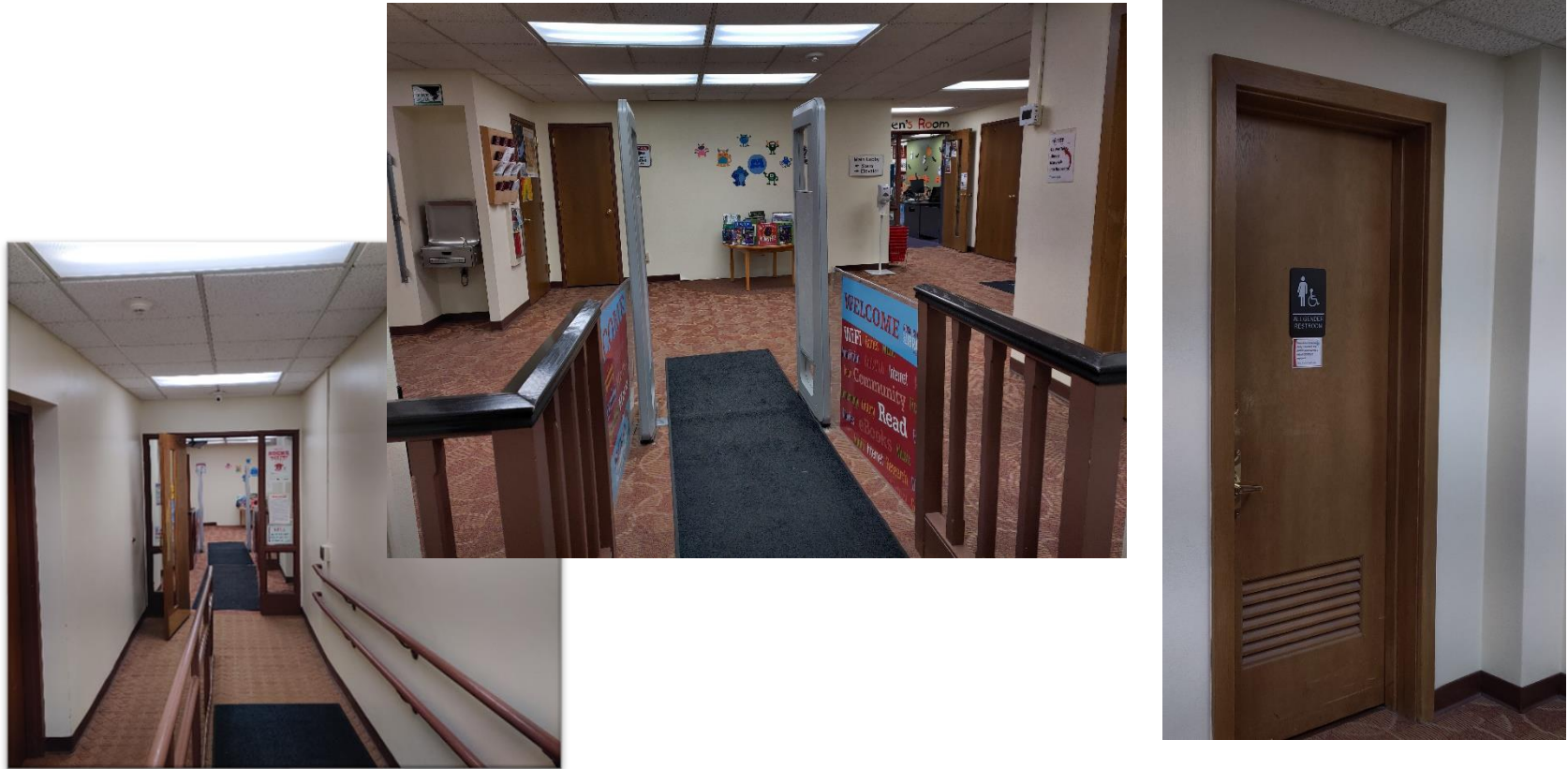
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**From the parking lot, I follow the back sidewalk to the South Entrance.**

The sidewalk will lead me to the covered entrance, which is accessible by all people. This entrance offers push plates to open the doors.

Following the sidewalk past this door and around the corner will lead me to the West Entrance's large staircase.

# Where Do I Go From the South Entrance?



**Follow the long stairway through the gates, into the Ground Floor Lobby.**

An all-gender restroom is on the wall to the right, just on the other side of the gates.

Walking through the gates, the elevator is on the wall to my right. To the left are the stairs to the First Floor. Past the elevator is the door to the Children's Room. This room contains materials for ages birth to about 12. Let's go in.



# Welcome to the Ground Floor Children's Room



Walk past the elevator (brown doors) to reach the Children's Room



View from desk as I enter



View of exit, self-check, printer, and family restroom



A ramp leads to the rest of the children's room.

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## Children's Room:

The upper part offers toys, books and other items for very young children, ages birth to about 6. The lower portion offers materials for older children, ages 6 to 12. Here, I can find learning games for younger children, and computers for children and their adults. The children's room can be noisy, with a lot of activity, and that is OK. The library also hosts children's events here.



# Let's Go Upstairs



## Heading upstairs:

From the Ground Floor, I can take either the elevator or the stairs. The stairs go to the First Floor, and are just past the Midwest Writing Center door and the book sale shelves. The elevator will take me to the First (1), Mezzanine (M), and Second (2) floors, and back to the Ground Floor (G) again. A Mezzanine is a partial “loft” floor that sits halfway between two other floors.

# What is on the First Floor?



The first thing I see is the Circulation Desk. I can check out here or at the self-check machines. I can also get or renew my library card.

## What is on the First Floor?

The First Floor has many items. With a library card, I can check out books, DVDs, movies, music, magazines, and special items in the Library of Things. As I come up the stairs, the exit to the West Entrance Stairs is next to the door.



## More to Do and See on the First Floor



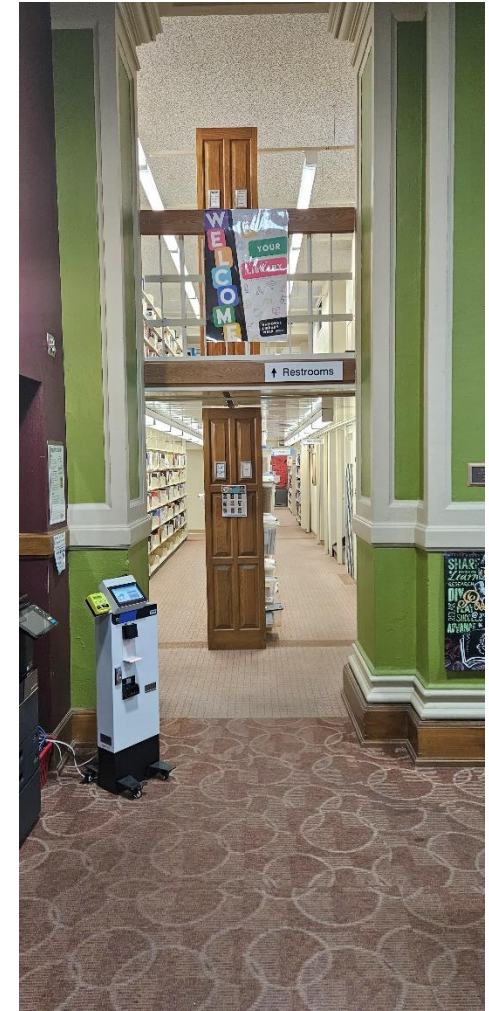
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### **South side of the room.**

Just past the Circulation Desk is the Information, or Reference, Desk. Look for the big question mark. I can get help here with finding items in the library, using library computers, or learning how to use other library services, such as eBooks and audiobooks.

Behind the Reference Desk is the copy/print center and shelf of items for pickup.

## Down the Hallway, Further into the Library



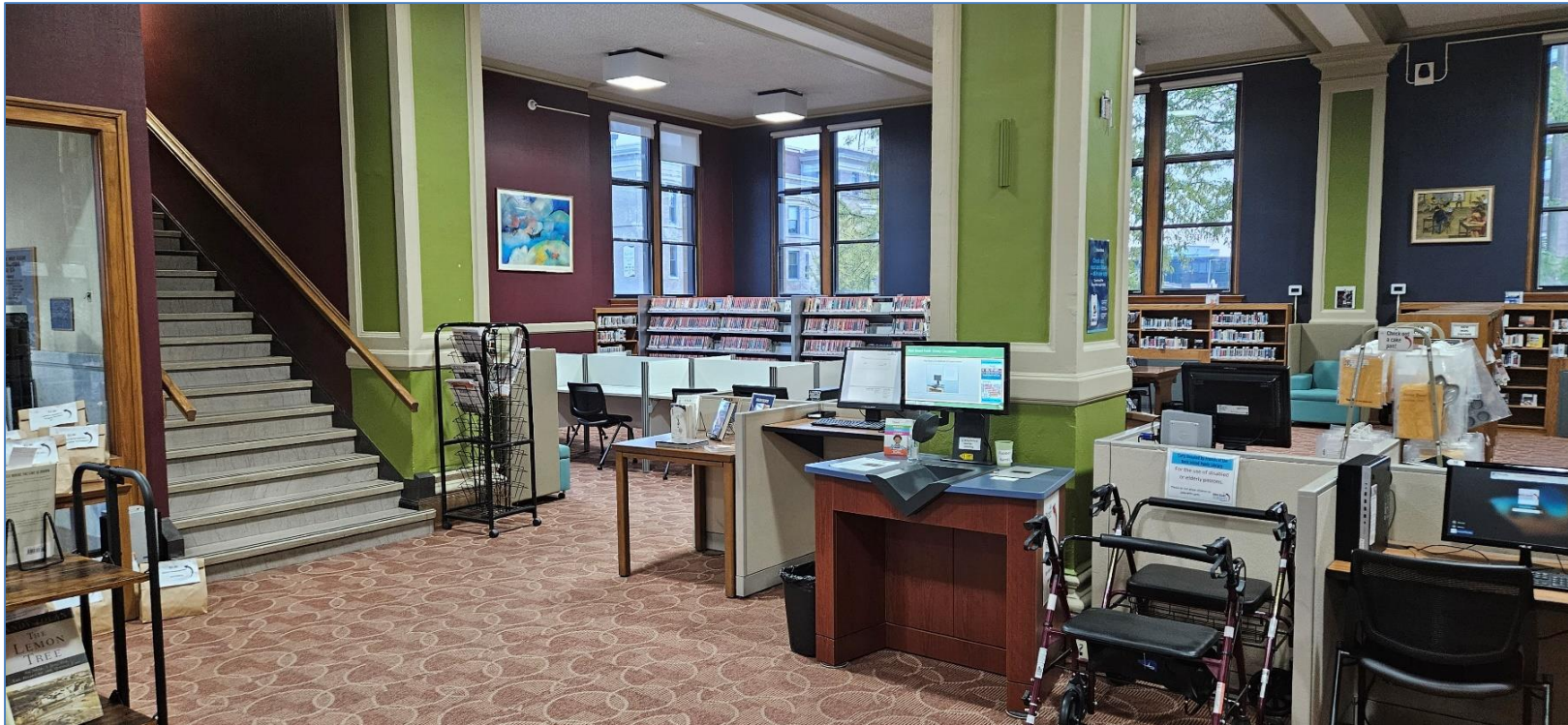
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### More to see!

Looking down this hallway, you can see many, many more books on the First Floor and Mezzanine shelves. This hallway also leads to the First Floor bathrooms, water fountain, microfilm room, and Local History Room. The copy/print center is on the wall just before I enter this hallway.



## North Side of First Floor



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### **Browsing, reading and study areas:**

Walk past the exit stairs to reach the north side of the First Floor. If I need to find a book, I can use the computerized catalog. Library staff are also here to help. This side also has audio books, magazines, more DVDs, and lots of other things.



# Even More Things to Check Out

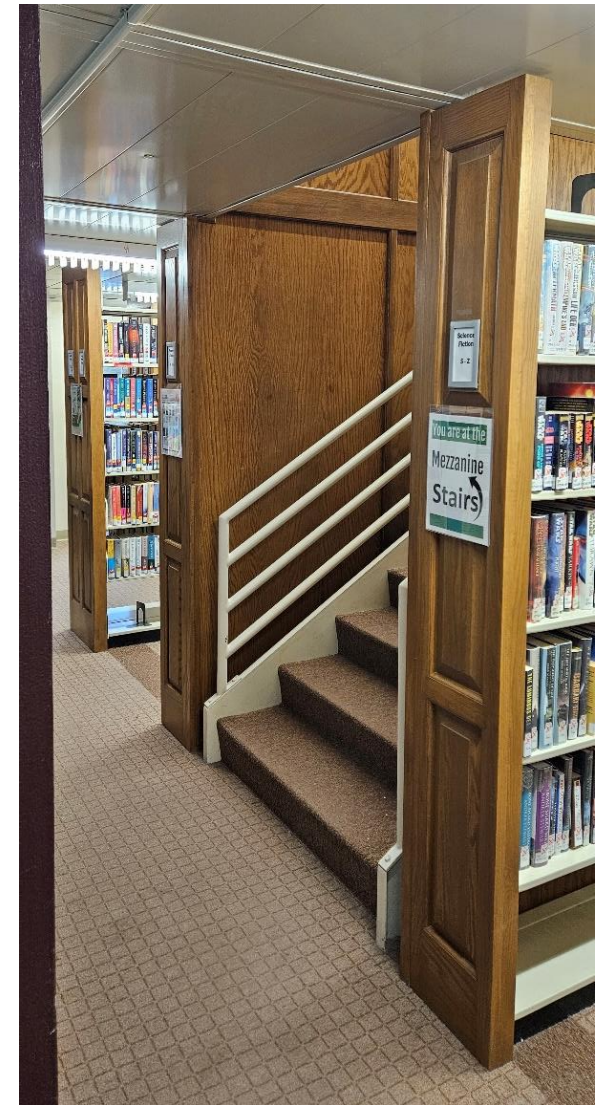
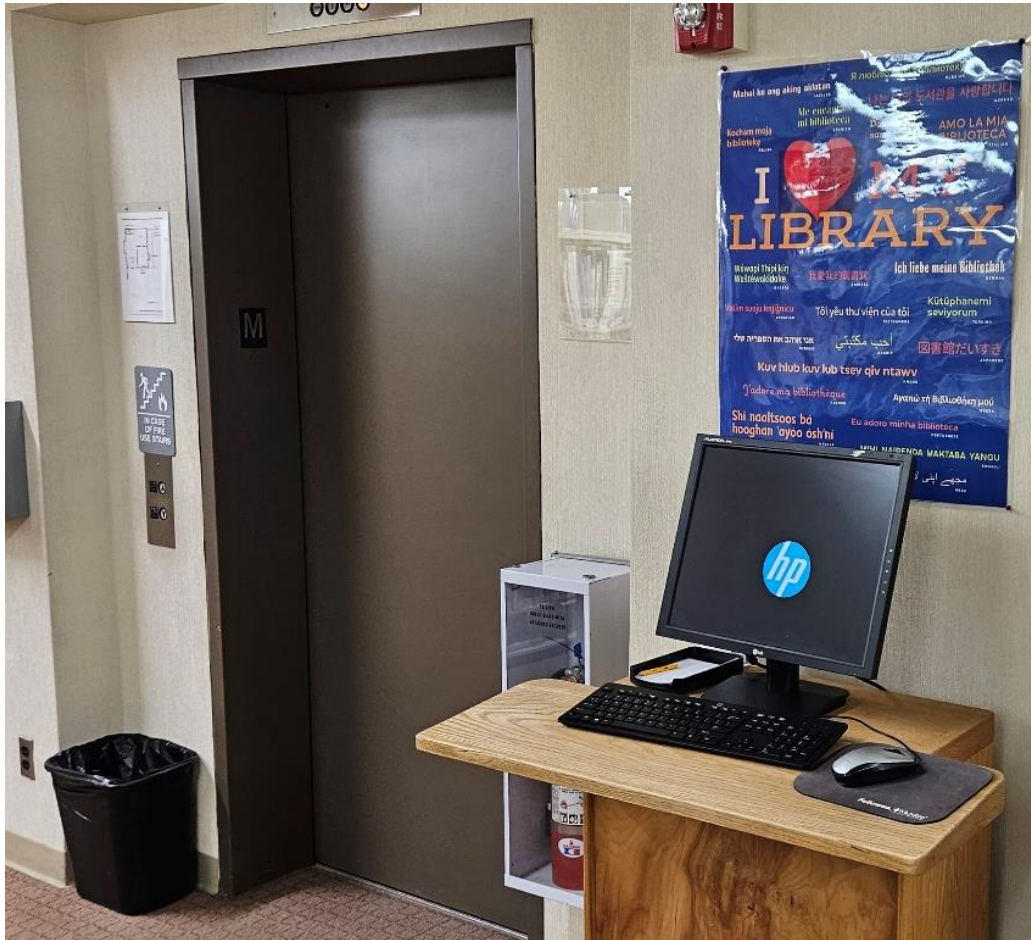


## Moving further towards the back of the room:

Here, I will find displays of new books, cake pans for check out, and a Library of Things tag board. I can bring a tag to the desk to borrow a Library of Things item.



# To the Mezzanine



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**The mezzanine is between floors 1 and 2.** The library's non-fiction collection is here, along with tables for studying or reading.



# On the Mezzanine

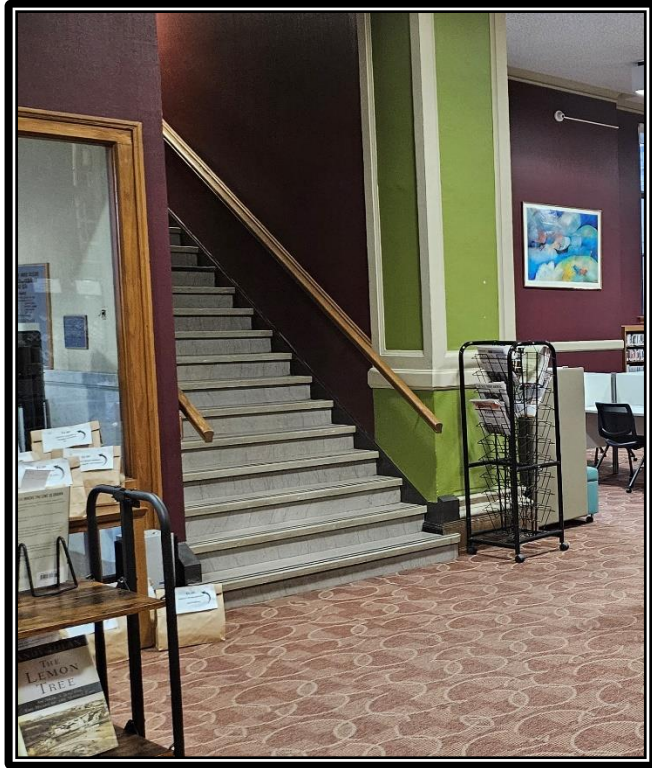


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**Looking to the north side of the room from the elevator.** Here I will find many sections of non-fiction books. Each book has a number based on its topic. If I need help, I can ask at the Information Desk.



# How Do I Get to the Second Floor?



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## On the Second Floor:

I can take the stairs to the Second Floor, or the elevator. Many free public events are on the Second Floor.

# What's On the Second Floor?



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## **On the Second Floor:**

This floor holds Library offices, two all-gender restrooms, tables, and a large community room. I can use the tables to study or work on my own. Power outlets are within easy reach. I can attend interesting events in the Community Room.

If I need meeting or event space, I can also rent the Community Room. See the website or call the Library.



# What Else Should I Know About the Downtown Library?



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## **While I'm at the Downtown Library:**

The library has rules against sleeping, smoking, or disrupting others. If a space is too loud for me, I can find quieter areas on the First Floor, Mezzanine, or Second Floors.

The library provides areas for charging phones and other devices. I should stay near my device when it is charging. I should also be mindful of my personal belongings, and not leave them unattended. The library is for the entire community. If I have questions, I can ask for a copy of the library Behavior Policy.

Other Questions? Just Ask!

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