



Note to caregivers:

The purpose of this social narrative is to help prepare children for a visit to the Mount Horeb Public Library. Reading this before you visit the library will help your child gain familiarity with the library so they feel comfortable while they visit.



Welcome to the
Mount Horeb Public Library!
We hope to see you soon!

This is my library.

It is the Mount Horeb Public Library of the
South Central Library System.

I can go to the library to borrow books or movies or games, hang out
with friends, go to fun programs, and more.



This is the entrance to my library.
I can press a button to make the door open for me.



Inside the first set of doors, there is a restroom and drinking fountain.



The lights come on automatically when I enter the restroom.
When I flush the toilet, it is loud. When I am finished, I wash my
hands.



There is one restroom in the Children's Area, too.
It is a family restroom and only one family can go inside at a time.



Once I walk through the second set of entry doors, I am near the Help Desk, where library workers are checking in books and doing other library tasks. Someone might say hello to me when I walk by.



This is how I know someone works at the library. People who work at the library wear a nametag like this.



This is the return slot at my library. When it is time to return my items, I gently slide them through the slot.



I go down this hallway to the Children's Area.
Sometimes there are decorations around the library,
and they change throughout the year.



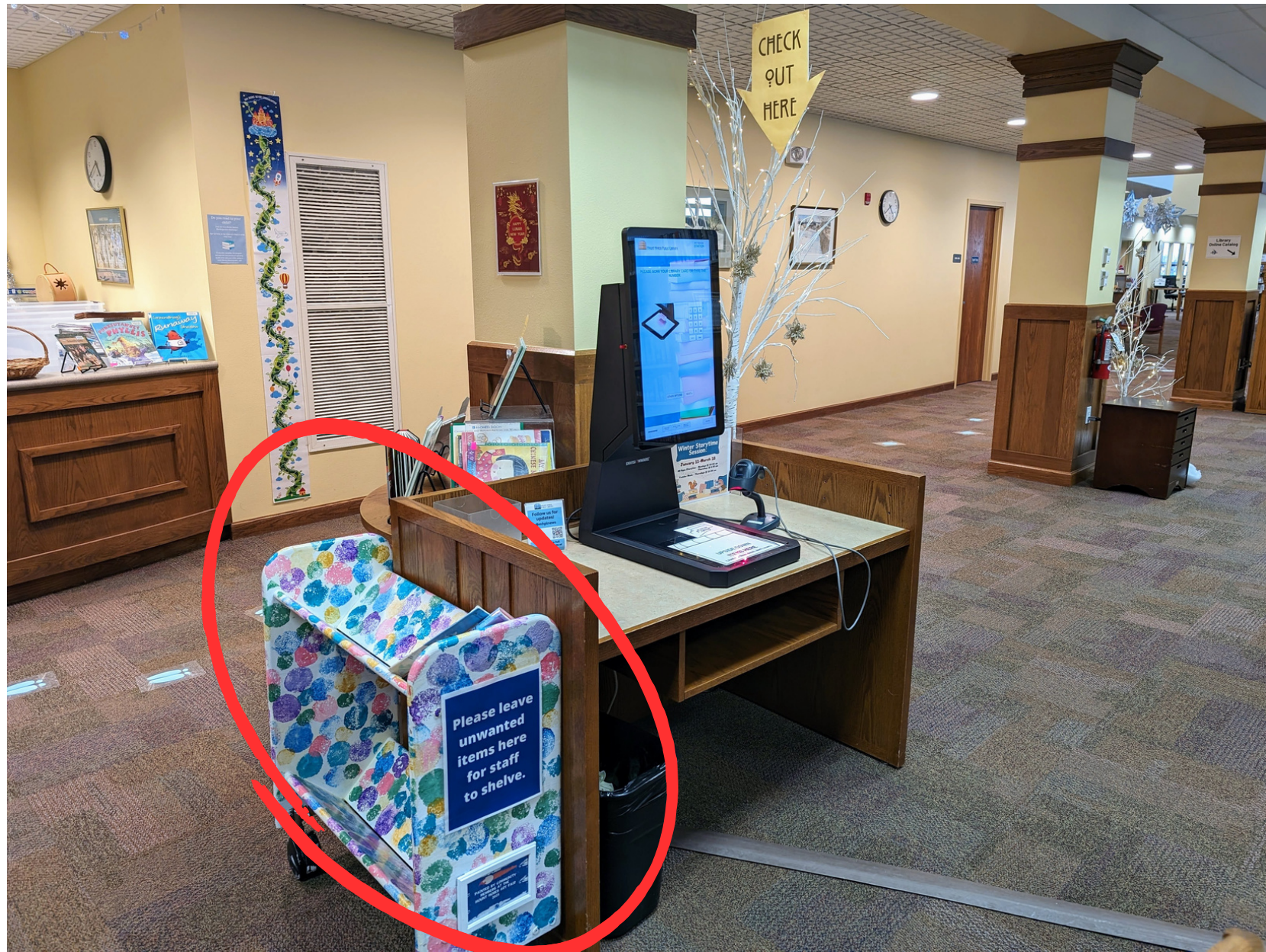
This is the Children's Desk. I can ask the librarian to help me find things in the library.
The librarian will answer my questions.



There are many books and movies in my library. They are organized and all have a space on the shelf where they belong.



If I take a book or movie off of the shelf and decide not to check it out, I should put it on the cart near the self check-out machine so that the library workers can put it back where it belongs.



I can use Online Catalog computers to find books and movies at the library. I can also ask a librarian for help.



If I want to take books home, I need a library card.
Library cards look like this.



The library has activity kits.



These kits have books and toys inside. The label on the kit tells me what is inside. I can check out a kit to play with what's inside at home. The kits are not for playing inside the library.

There are toys to play with and activities to do at the library.
The toys and activities change sometimes.

If I have questions about how to do an activity or use the toys, I can ask the librarian. When I am finished playing, I will put the toys away.



Sometimes there are lots of children at the library. The children's area can be noisy and busy. People are talking and playing.



There are chairs and couches at my library. When I find a book I like, I can sit down and read it.



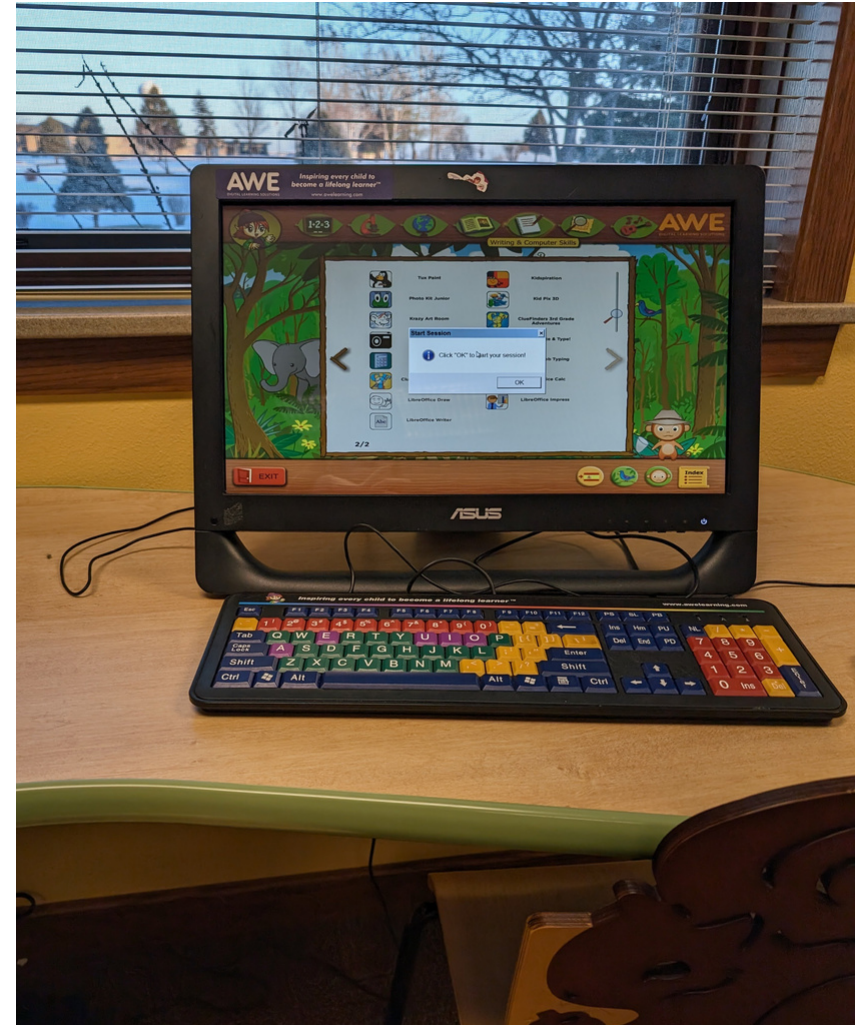
Some days, there are storytimes at the library. The librarian will read to me, and we will sing songs together. Storytime is fun and sometimes it is noisy. Some days there are other programs like music or performers.



My library has kids' computers. I must have permission from my grown-up to use the computers.



I can use the internet computers to go online.



I can play games on the game computer.

When I am ready to leave the library, I need to bring the items I want to check out to the Children's Desk or the Help Desk.



Sometimes, there is a line, and I will be patient as we wait our turn. I hand the items and my library card to the librarian, and they scan the items to check them out. I will hear lots of beeping sounds at this desk, and sometimes the phone rings.

I can also use a self check-out machine. I get out my library card and scan it. Now I'm ready to checkout my items. When I set my items on the machine, the machine will make a sound.



Sometimes, I use the library without going inside. I can press the bell for help at the drive-thru window or return my items through the outside book drop.



There is a book and a movie drop. I will carefully put books through the “book” slot and movies through the “other” slot.

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

