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I'm Going to the Library

A Social Narrative about Visiting the Library

Autism Friendly

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Note to Caregivers

The purpose of this document is to assist in preparing your loved one for a visit to the **Fairlawn Branch Library**. By reading this short story before visiting the library, your loved one will gain a visual familiarity with the library's spaces, so they are able to feel more comfortable during their library visit.

Welcome to the **Fairlawn Branch Library**.

We hope to see you soon!

This is My Neighborhood Library

An Adventure Story about Visiting Your Library

Fairlawn Branch Library

Getting to the Library

I might walk, ride my bike, ride a car, bus, or train to get to the library.

This is the front of my library

It’s time to go inside.

Everyone is always welcome here.

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This is what I see as I enter the library

Some libraries have a lobby, others may not.

As I walk in, I can sanitize my hands and wear a mask if I want to.

Are you ready to explore?

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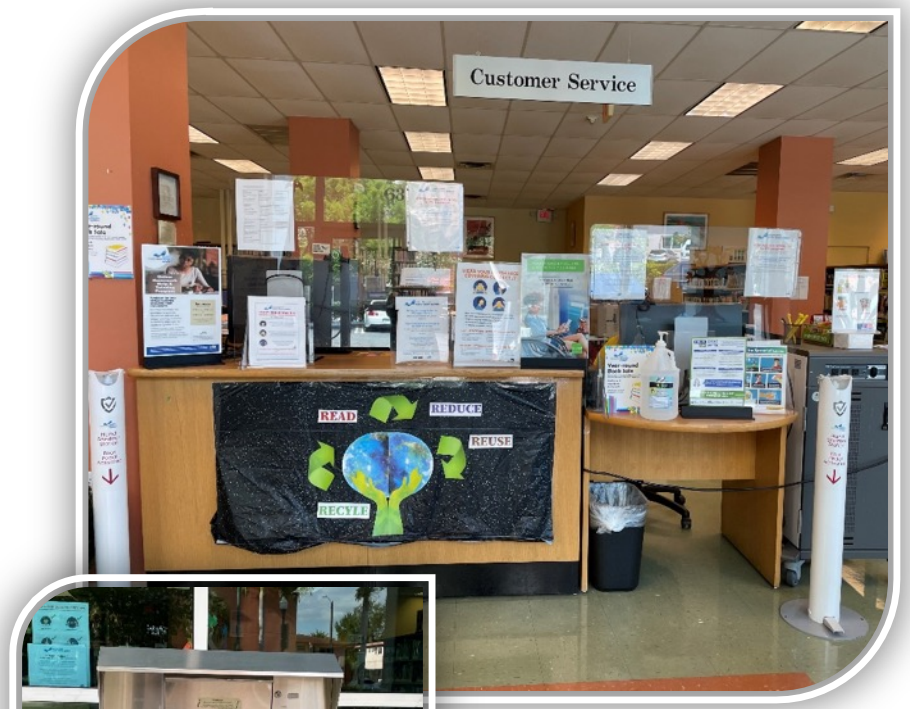
This is the Customer Service Desk at my library

This is where I can return my books as I enter the library and check them out as I am ready to go.

I can also return my books in the book drop if my library is busy.

If I can't find what I am looking for, I can always ask for help.



This is the Children's Area

This is where children get their materials, play games and sometimes receive tutoring. This is a fun space.

I can find a lot of cool stuff here.

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This is the Computer Area

I can use these computers to use the internet, find books, or play games.

My library has tablets that I can use too

I can check out a tablet at the Customer Service Desk and use it anywhere I'd like in the library.

This is the Young Adult Area

This is where teens get their materials.

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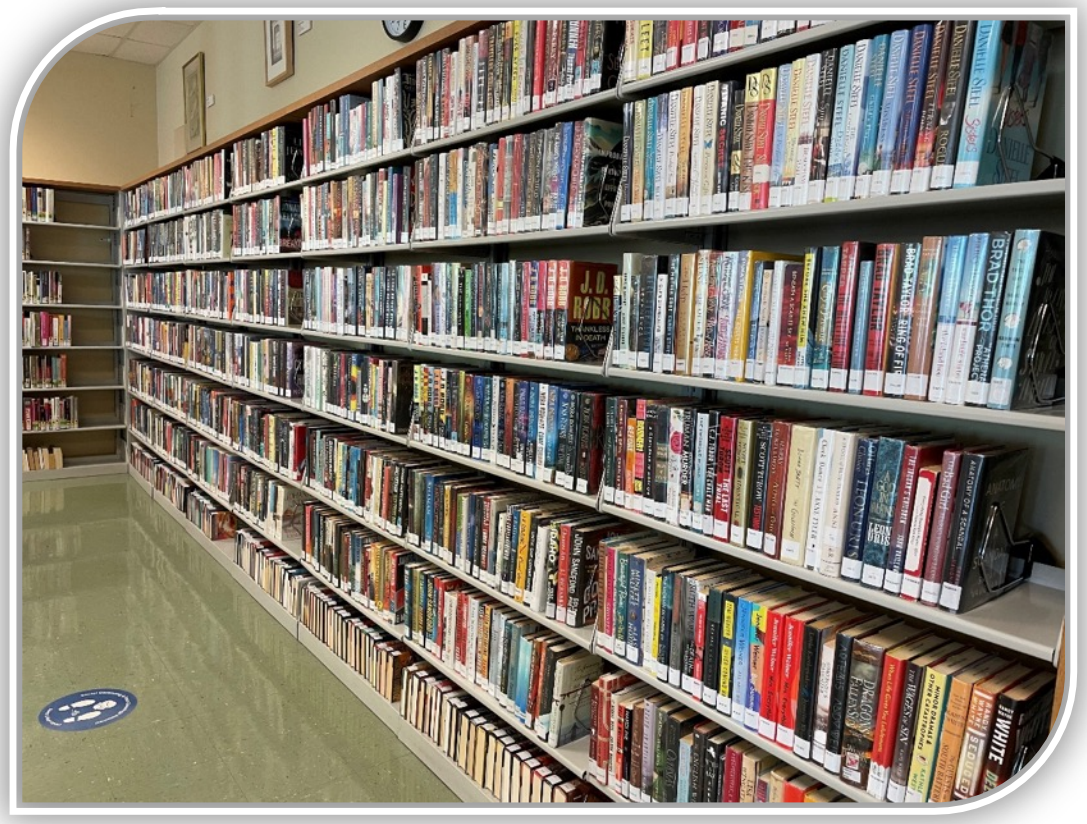
This is the Adult Area

This is where adults get their materials to enjoy.

Sometimes you may even find adults quietly studying in this space too.

I can also visit this quieter space if I need to.



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These are the Restrooms at the library

When I walk into the restrooms, the lights will be on.

The toilet may be a little loud when I flush.

When I am finished, I will wash my hands.

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Programming Area

As I walk into this space,
I sit and wait for
the program to begin.

There may be other
people in the area.

The music may be a bit
loud, and the lights may
be a bit bright, but we are
going to have a lot of fun!

Quiet Space

If I need a break, I can go to another space in the library that may be quieter.

I might need to use the restroom or have a snack.

The librarian can help me if I need assistance.

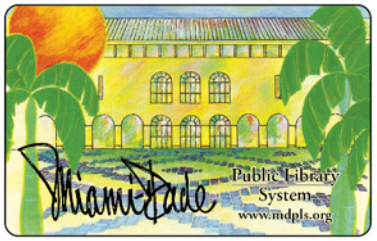
Getting My Library Card

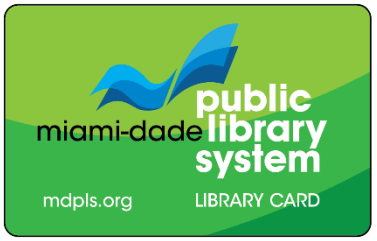
If I don't have a library card, I will need one.

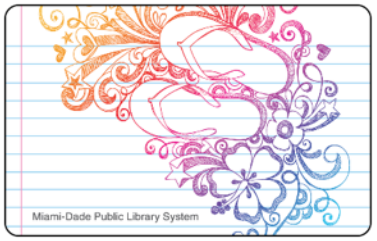
After I fill out a form with my information, the librarian will give me my card.

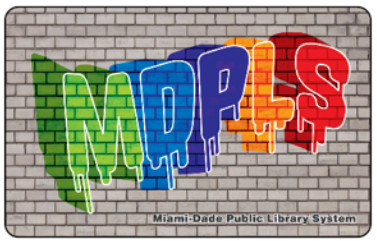
There are so many to pick from!

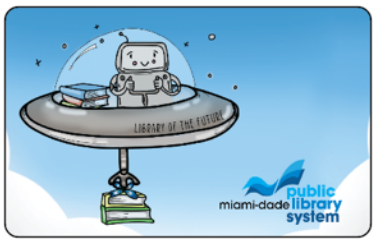
Which one do you like?











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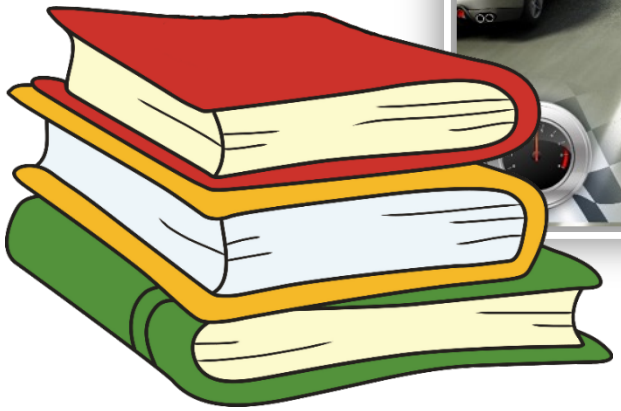
With My Library Card

I can check out books, movies, and even video games.



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Checking out Books

When I am ready to go, I can take my items to the Customer Service Desk, show my library card, and my librarian will help me check them out.

Goodbye!

My visit is over.

If I checked out books, I take them with me.

I place them in my bag or hold them in my hands.

I will be back soon!

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