



# I'm going to ImaginOn.

This social story is for helping children prepare for their trip to the ImaginOn Library. By reading it, they will develop a sense of familiarity with the areas of the building and the various activities they may encounter.

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# Children's Theatre of Charlotte



- Our partner at **ImaginOn**, Children's Theatre of Charlotte, is one of the nation's top theatres for families with imaginative productions and wide-ranging classes for ages 2-18.
- They also offer sensory-friendly shows during their season.

[ctcharlotte.org](https://ctcharlotte.org)



*Elephant & Piggie's "We Are In a Play!" 2024*



# For caregivers:

[Click here](#) to learn more about ImaginOn before your visit.

All students enrolled in CMS, and some private and charter schools, already have library accounts through [ONE Access](#). Or you can sign up for a personal account during your visit.

Here we go!

# This is my Library.

- My family and I are going to the Library today. I can go to the Library to borrow books, movies and more!
- The Library has spaces just for me.
  - Spangler Library (ages 0-11)
  - Pre-Teen Space (ages 9-12)
  - Teen Loft & Makerspace & Studio i (ages 12-18)



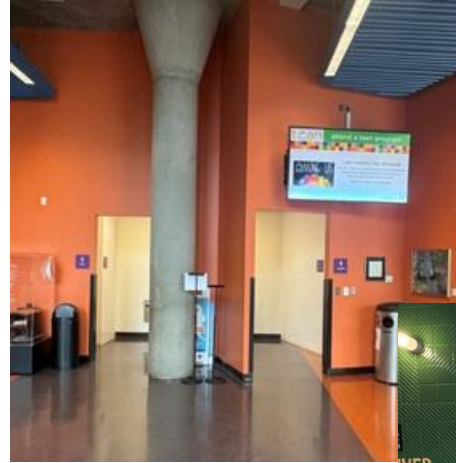
# This is the entrance to my Library.

- When I walk up to the front doors, they will open automatically so I can go inside.
- Inside the front doors, there is another set of automatic doors.



# If I need to use the restroom ...

- If I need to use the restroom while I'm at the Library, there is one in the lobby on the bottom floor. There is another one in the Teen Loft on the top floor.
- There is also a family restroom in the Spangler Library. Only one family can go inside at a time.



# Inside the restrooms ...

- When I walk into the restroom, the lights will be on.
- The toilet flushes by itself and may be a little loud.
- When I am finished, I will wash my hands.



# This is the Circulation Desk.

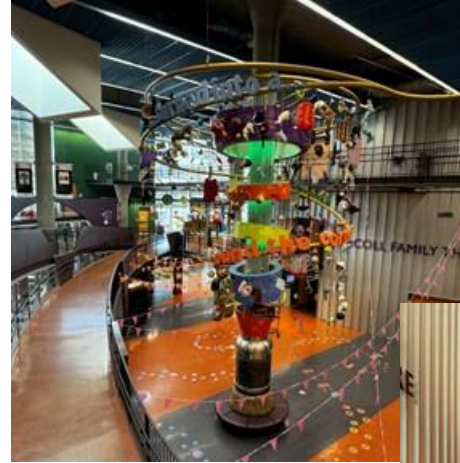
- I can check out items I find at the Library or items waiting for me on hold.
- If I can't find what I am looking for, I can always ask for help at the Circulation Desk.
- This is where I return my items at my Library. I will put them carefully in the return slot near the Circulation Desk.





# This is the Story Jar.

- The Story Jar is a 40-foot structure with hundreds of items. Each one represents a production from Children's Theatre of Charlotte.
- I can dress-up and pose on the Page Stage. I can perform a puppet show.
- In the summer, this section is closed for the Summer Exhibit.



# Spangler Library

- This area is for ages 0-11.
- It has so many things:
  - books
  - graphic novels
  - magazines
  - Wonderbooks
  - Playaways
  - audio books
  - computers
  - board games
  - puzzles
  - hands-on activities
  - Bilingual books in Spanish and Chinese
- It also has Braille books and books for adults about the Autism spectrum.



# Spangler: Baby and Toddler Area

- I can read a board book.
- I can play in the Kitchen.
- I can play with the activity stations.



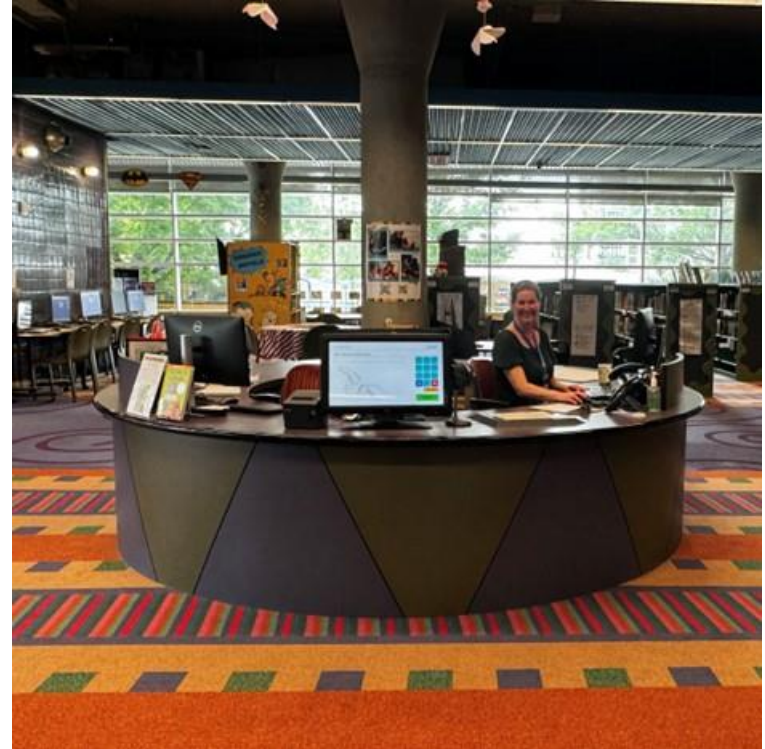
# Spangler: Storytime Area

- When I find a book I like, I can sit in a chair and read it.
- Sometimes, there are lots of children here, and it can be noisy when they are talking and playing.



# Spangler Library Desk

- I can borrow fidgets and other sensory objects if I need them.
- If I can't find what I am looking for, I can always ask for help at the Spangler Library Desk.
- I can also check out my items at this desk.



# Spangler: Computer Area

- I can use some of the computers to find books or work on my homework.



- I can use other computers to play games with my grown-up.



# Spangler: Quiet Room

- If I need a break, I can go to a space in the Library that may be quieter.
- This room may also be used for nursing mothers.
- If someone is using the room, they will move the slider from **VACANT** to **OCCUPIED**.



# Pre-Teen Space

- This area is for ages 9-12.
- It has so many things:
  - books
  - board games
  - hands-on activities
- If I can't find what I am looking for, I can always ask for help in the Teen Loft.





# Teen Loft & Makerspace & Studio i

- This area is for ages 12-18.
- Teen Loft has so many things:
  - books
  - graphic novels
  - comic books
  - magazines
  - computers
  - board games
  - video game station
  - hands-on activities
- Makerspace & Studio i has so many things:
  - design software
  - vinyl cutter
  - sewing machines
  - heat press
  - 3D printers
  - audio and visual recording equipment



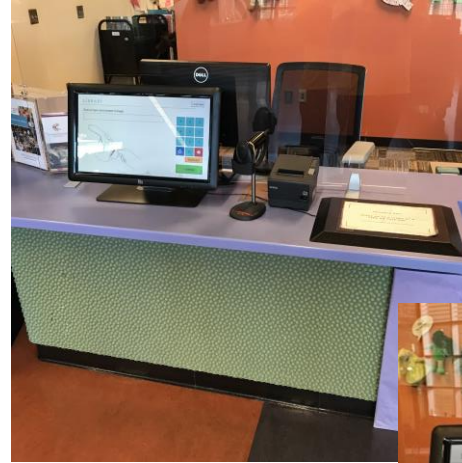
# It's time to check out my items.

- When I'm ready to leave, I will use my Library card to check out my items at the Spangler Library Desk or at the Circulation Desk.
- If I don't have a Library card, the librarian can help me get one.
- If there is a line, I will need to wait for my turn.



# It's time to check out my items.

- I can use the self-checkout machine to check out my items. Every time I scan an item, it makes a beep.
- If I need help, I can always ask the librarian behind the desk.
- The librarian can also check out my items.



# I am ready to go home.

- I had fun at my Library! I will come back soon when it is time to return the items I checked out and find new ones.

