



 **Cell Phone Tour**

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 Public Restrooms



The Central Library

Self-Guided Tour

Level 1

Tour Stops
1-8

- George Tsutakawa's "Fountain of Wisdom" on the fourth avenue plaza
- Ann Hamilton floor: 556 lines of raised text in 11 languages on the maple floorboards
- Book return with conveyer belt • Faye G. Allen Children's Center for children and caregivers
- Interactive displays with building information near the security desk
- Microsoft Auditorium seating up to 275 people • World Languages collection
- Library Equal Access Program • Peak Picks display near the holds pickup area
- SirsiDynix Gallery (behind the auditorium) with the 1960 "Northwest Screen" artwork

Level 3

Tour Stops
9-10

- FriendShop gift shop on rails to fold up at night • Chocolati café
- Reader Services desk for book recommendations • Starbucks Teen Center space reserved for young people
- New fiction, nonfiction and DVDs • Current newspapers and magazines

Level 4

Tour Stop
11

- 13 shades of red paint on walls, ceiling, floors and stairs • Four meeting rooms and two computer labs
- View of the Living Room on level three • Behind-the-scenes view of Tony Oursler's video sculpture "Braincast"
- 'Robert's Rules of Order' text on the walls

Level 5

Tour Stop
12

- 338 public computers • Digital artwork by George Legrady, "Making the Invisible Visible," displays real-time information about items checked out
- Quick Information Center answers reference questions seven days per week
- Frank Okada artwork on black stairwell • Tony Oursler video sculpture on the escalator down to level three

Levels 6-9

Tour Stops
16-20

- Nonfiction collection is housed in the Books Spiral
- Spiral ramp winding through levels six through ten at a two degree slope
- Dewey Decimal numbers printed on the walkways
- **Level six:** government publications, magazines, newspapers
- **Level seven:** Business, Science & Technology collection, business resources, magazine archives, job resource center, nonfiction DVDs, audiobooks on CD
- **Level eight:** Arts, Recreation & Literature collection, music practice rooms, gallery space, music CDs, music scores, play files
- **Level nine:** History, Travel & Maps collection, genealogy collection, map room, writers' room, biographies

Level 10

Tour Stops
13-15

- Reading Room seating over 400 • Seattle Room local history collection
- Highest public viewpoint, with view down to level three
- Artworks by Lynne Yamamoto and Frank Okada on the black stairwell walls

Building Facts

- Building opened on May 23, 2004 • Nearly 10,000 windows
- Designed by Rem Koolhaas (Office for Metropolitan Architecture, the Netherlands) and Joshua Prince-Ramus (LMN Architects, Seattle) • Building has 11 levels and 363,000 square feet