





# The Central Library

## A Self-Guided Tour for Kids, Families and School Groups

### Level 1

- A. Look at the wood floor near the entrance. How many languages can you find?
- B. When people return books, where do they go?
- C. Can you find the blue ox in the Children’s Center? Do you know which folk tale it represents?

A. 11: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese  
 B. Look for a conveyor belt inside the book return. This takes the items to be sorted by a machine in a staff area.  
 C. Babe the Blue Ox

### Level 3

- A. Can you guess how many windows the Central Library building has?
- B. How does the FriendShop close at night without a door?
- C. What’s on the orange floor by the elevator? D. Can you find the red stairs up to level four?

A. Almost 10,000 B. The shelves are on tracks to fold into a cube  
 C. The Teen Center, with computers, books and more for teens D. Walk behind the escalators

### Level 4

- A. Can you guess how many shades of red paint are used on this level?
- B. Find the view down to level three. What do you notice about the carpet?
- C. Find the window where you can view the back of a video artwork. Where can you see the front of the art?
- D. Can you find the red stairs up to level five?

A. 13 shades of red and pink. B. It is printed with leaves that match the indoor garden.  
 C. On the escalator from level five to level three. D. Go straight ahead from stairs up from level three.

### Level 5

- A. Can you guess how many public computers are on this level?
- B. Look at the digital screens behind the staff desk. What do you think this digital artwork shows?
- C. How do you get from level five to level six?

A. 120 B. A live stream of items being checked out.  
 C. Take the elevator, take the escalator to level seven and walk down, or take the stairs in the black stairwell.

### Levels 6-9

- A. Can you find the window on level six overlooking level three?
- B. Look at the walkways with numbers and letters on them. Can you guess what they mean?
- C. Can you find your last name in the family names index on level nine?
- D. In the map room on level nine, can you find a map showing where you were born?

A. It's next to the black stairwell. B. Dewey decimal numbers and categories.  
 C. If you find it, that means you can learn more in our genealogy collection.  
 D. If you can't, ask a librarian for help.

### Level 10

- A. Find the white artwork on the black wall. Do you know what it’s supposed to look like?
- B. Why do you think the ceiling is made of the same fabric used for parachutes?
- C. How far down can you see from the highest viewpoint?

A. A Library card catalog, used to look up books.  
 B. It creates a cushion of air to help muffle sound.  
 C. All the way to level three.