

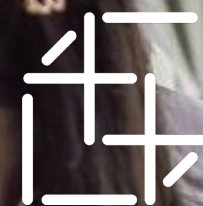
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Social Story

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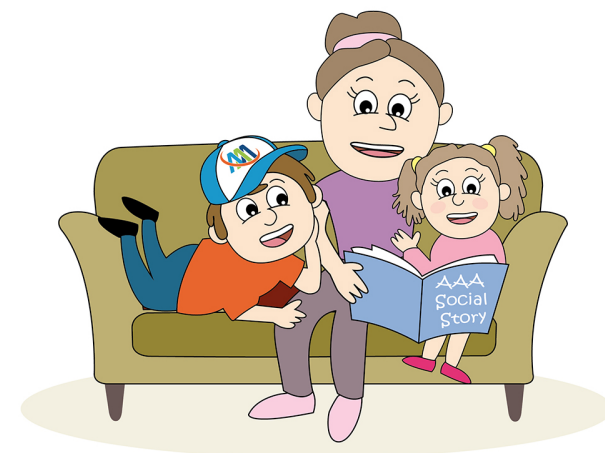
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I am going to visit Bendigo Library.





When I arrive for my visit, I will enter the library through glass sliding doors.

I might see bookshelves and people.
I might hear children in the library and
activities taking place.



I will see people who work at Bendigo Library.

They are called staff.

They wear lanyards.





There are lots of things to do at Bendigo Library.

I might see books or DVDs that I like.

There are computers at Bendigo Library that I can use. The computers are upstairs.

I may walk up the stairs, or take the lift.

Sometimes I might need to wait to use a computer if they are all busy.

Sharing is a fair thing to do.



I will need to wear my headphones while I watch videos or play games on the computer.

This is a good idea so I do not disturb other computer users.



There are toilets that I can use at Bendigo Library.

Some toilets are downstairs.

Some toilets are upstairs.

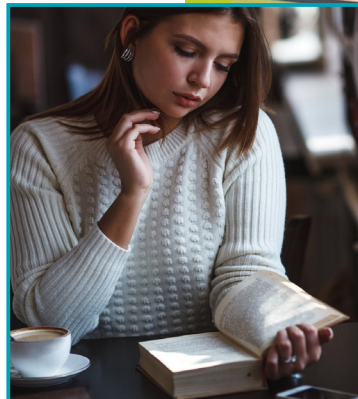
I can ask staff to show me where the toilets are.



There is a café at Bendigo Library.

I can buy food or a drink at the cafe.

I might like to take a book to the café
and sit down to read.





Lots of people like to go to Bendigo Library.

Bendigo Library can be busy. That is okay.

Sometimes the sounds in Bendigo Library might be too loud for me.

I can wear my ear defenders or ear plugs to help me with the noise.



Bendigo Library staff are available to help.

Sometimes I might need to wait to speak to staff.

If waiting is hard, I will try to count numbers in my head while I am waiting for my turn.

I can ask for help if it feels too noisy or busy.

Staff might show me a quiet place to sit in Bendigo Library.



I will try keep my hands to myself when I talk to staff.

This is very important to keep everyone safe.

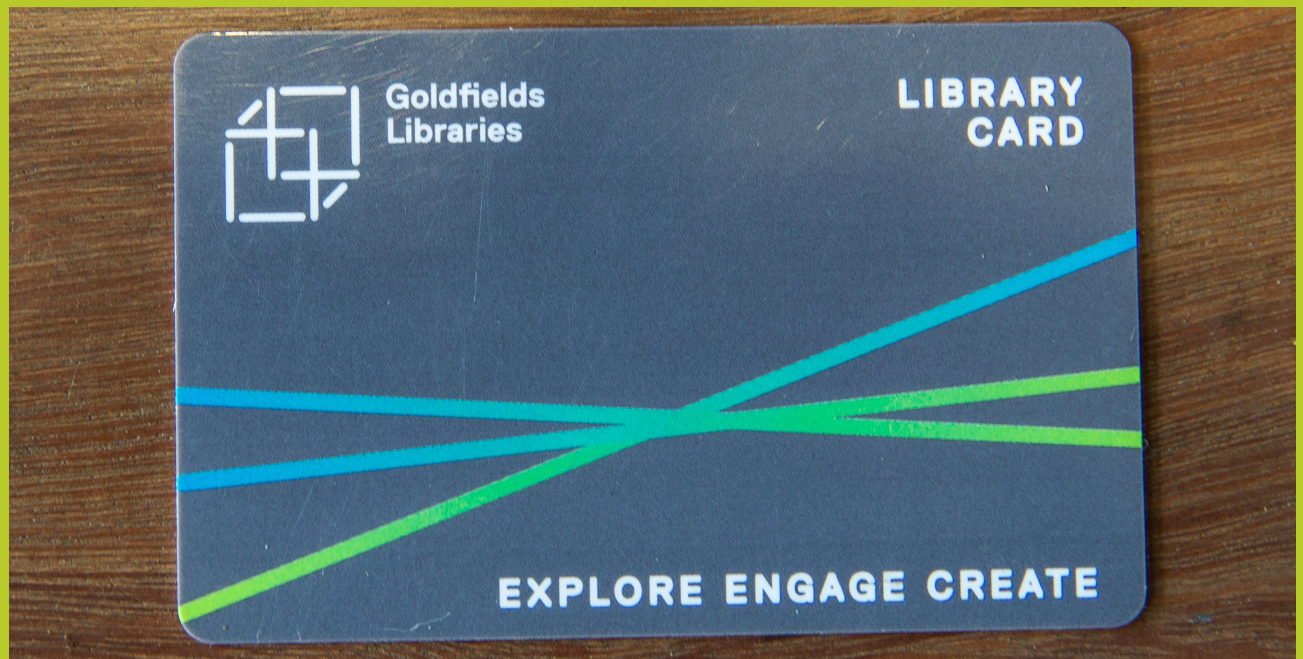


There are books and DVDs at the library that I can take home.

This is called borrowing.

I need to bring my library card if I want to borrow something.

Staff can help me with borrowing.





Staff will feel happy if I say thank you to them before I leave.

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