

I am going to **Central Library** in Letterkenny



**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council

welcome
to your **library**

A Social Story
Visiting the library



WELCOME TO CENTRAL LIBRARY IN LETTERKENNY

Thank you for choosing to visit your local library.

Donegal County Library Service understands the difficulty that new environments can pose for you. We have created the social story to help familiarise you with the library before and during your visit. A visit to the library will be different from your daily routine.

We want to help you become familiar with the library and what to expect when you arrive.

We have divided the social Story into 4 sections. Each section has its own colour and pictures of what to expect.

Going to the library

About the library

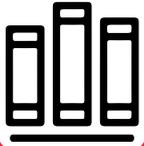
How do I become a member of the library

When I visit the library

We hope you enjoy your visit to the library and come back soon.



GOING TO THE LIBRARY



This is my library.
It is Central Library in Letterkenny.



If I am nervous about going to the library I can talk to the librarian and ask questions first.



I can ask the librarian for a tour of the library.





ABOUT THE LIBRARY



The librarians who work at the library are friendly and understanding.

I can ask them to help me find a book.



The library is a quiet place where people relax and read books.

I must remember to use my indoor voice and to walk in the library.



Sometimes it might be noisy when there is Story Time or a lot of people in the library.

I can use my ear defenders.

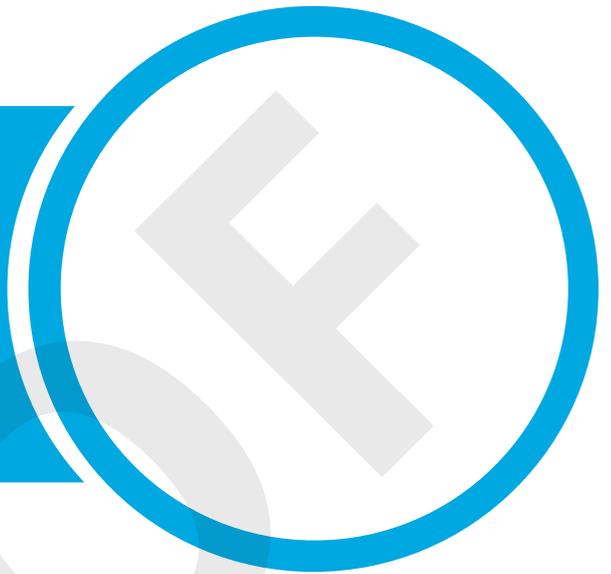


HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER OF THE LIBRARY



I will talk to a librarian and I will become a member of the library.

Library membership is free.



HOW TO JOIN THE LIBRARY

- The librarian will ask for my name and address.
- My Mum or Dad will have to show identification like their driver's licence.
- They will sign the form for me to become a member.



I will be given a library card and my library number will be set.





I can use my library card and PIN number to read e-books, e-comics and listen to audio books on my computer, tablet or phone when I am at home. I will find more information on www.donegallibrary.ie to help me.



The front of your card is red and the words are in Irish and English.

The back of your library card has space to write your name in.



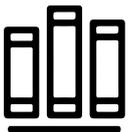
It also has a long number on it, and this is your library number that you can use when accessing e-services and technology.



WHEN I VISIT **CENTRAL LIBRARY** LETTERKENNY



When I get to the library I will press a button to open the door. There may be a beeping noise at the security gate and a flashing red light. I can wear my ear defenders.



In the library I will see a desk and there will be shelves of books and DVDs.



I can look for a book I like and I can sit in a chair or quiet place and read it.





I can sit at a study desk and read or do my homework.



I can borrow a book or DVD and take it home with me.



If I want to borrow a book or DVD, I will use the self-service kiosk. I can ask the librarian for help.





The librarian will show me how to borrow the book or DVD. They will tell me when I need to bring it back to the library.



I can ask the librarian to use the computers and tablets in the library. I can use my own laptop or tablet in the library too.



The computers are free to use. The library has wifi. I need my library card to use wifi and computers.



The library has a 3D printer and a magic table. I can ask permission to use the magic table.

The 3d printer can only be used by librarians for for workshop demonstrations.





There is a toilet in the library that I can use. The hand dryer can be noisy. I can wear my ear defenders.



When I have finished I will leave the library. Sometimes when I leave the library the alarm will make a noise. I can wear my ear defenders.



I will come back to the library when it is time to return my items.





KEEPING EVERYONE HEALTHY IN THE LIBRARY



- I will wash or sanitize my hands before I touch the books.
- I will see the librarian and adults in the library wearing a face mask.
- There is glass around the librarian's desk.
- I will cough or sneeze into my elbow and not my hands.
- I will not stand too close to anyone who I do not live with. This is called social distancing.





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