

I am going to **Buncrana** **Community Library**



Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

welcome
to your **library**

a social story:
visiting the **library**



WELCOME TO BUNCRANA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Thank you for choosing to visit your local library.

Donegal County Library Service understands the difficulty that new places can pose for you. We have created the social story to help you get familiar 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 get to know your 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

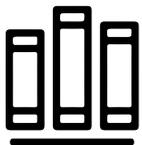
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When I visit the library

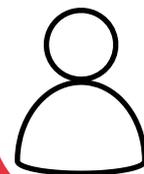
We hope you enjoy your visit to the library and come back soon.



GOING TO THE LIBRARY



This is Buncrana Community Library. The library was once a Presbyterian Church. A boat called a *Drontheim* hangs from the high ceiling in the adult reading area.



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



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 or DVD.



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

I must remember to use my indoor voice and to walk when 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 then.



HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER OF THE LIBRARY?



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

Library membership is free.



HOW TO JOIN THE LIBRARY



- The librarian will give me a form to write my name and where I live on.
- I will show them something with my picture and name on it like a passport.
- If I am a child, an adult who cares for me will sign the form.



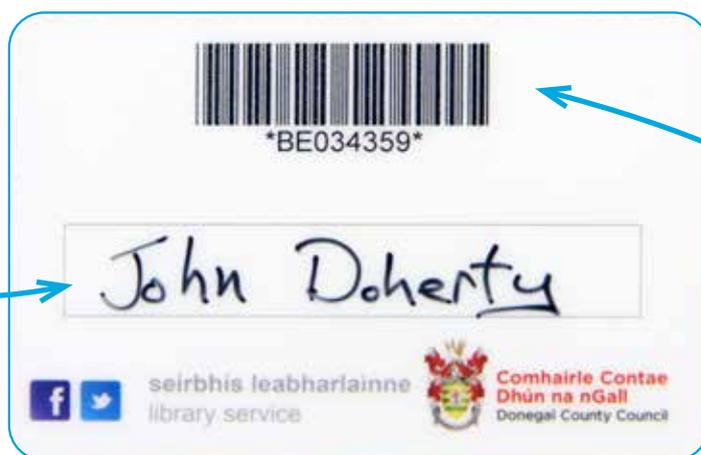
I will be given a library card and a library PIN number. I can take out books and DVDs with my library card.





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.



This is your library card number. You need it to use the library e-services and technology.



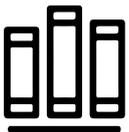
I can use my library card and PIN number to read e-comics and listen to audio books on my computer, tablet or phone when I am at home. I will find more information on www.donegallibrary.ie to help me.



WHEN I VISIT BUNCRANA COMMUNITY LIBRARY



When I get to the library, there may be a beeping noise at the security gate and a flashing red light. If this happens, I can wear my ear defenders.



In the library I can see shelves of books and the self-service kiosks. I can also see the librarian's desk and computers.



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 or in the study pod to read or do my homework.



I can borrow books and DVDs and take them home with me.



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





The librarian will listen and 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 if I want 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 sensory wall and a Tovertafel. I can play with all the fun toys on the wall and I can ask permission to use the Tovertafel.

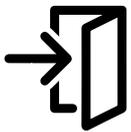




There is a toilet in the library that I can use. The hand dryer can be noisy, so I can wear my ear defenders.



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



I will come back to the library when it is time to return my borrowed books or DVDs.





COVID-19

KEEPING EVERYONE HEALTHY IN THE LIBRARY



Coronavirus
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Public Health
Advice



- I will wash or sanitise my hands before I touch the books.
- I will see adults and the librarians wearing face masks in the library.
- 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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