



Using the Library

Photo story

Activities

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Mr. and Mrs. Reyes have two sons. Paul is 12 years old and Michael is 7 years old. Today the Reyes Family is at the Millennium Library. They are looking for books about Canada.



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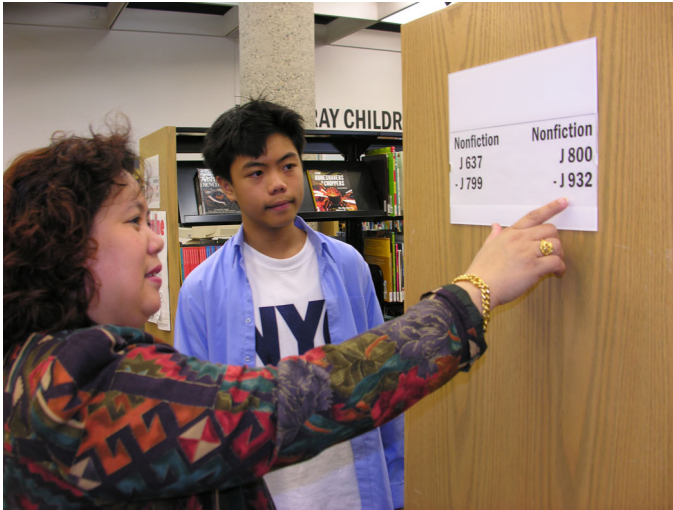
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A. True or False

1. _____ You can surf the Internet at any Winnipeg library branch.
2. _____ You can have a pizza party at the library.
3. _____ The library is open 24 hours a day.
4. _____ You can renew a book by phone, online, or in person.
5. _____ The library is a great place to watch television.
6. _____ In addition to books, you can also take out movies, music, and magazines from the library.
7. _____ You can check out a book for only one week.
8. _____ You can go to the library website to do a search of the library catalogue, and to place a request for a book or a movie.
9. _____ It costs \$3.00 to take out a movie for one week.
10. _____ You can have library material, such as books and movies, sent from any Winnipeg library branch to the branch that is closest to your home.
11. _____ You can return library material to any branch 24 hours a day.
12. _____ Children are not welcome at the library.
13. _____ The large library downtown is called the Centennial Library.
14. _____ You need a library card to check out material from the library.
15. _____ The library offers a variety of programs, activities and events for all ages.
16. _____ Library staff are grumpy and don't like to answer questions.
17. _____ Generally, reference material cannot be taken out of the library.
18. _____ "The stacks" is another name for the shelves of books and other material.
19. _____ You can get audiobook downloads from the library.
20. _____ The Winnipeg libraries are all owned by a rich and famous Winnipeg businessman.

B. Dialogue

Sahid: Hi Jeong. How's everything going?

Jeong: Pretty good. Except I'm a little worried. I've got a literature project to work on, but I'm not sure where to start.

Sahid: Why don't you start at the library. Do you have a library card?

Jeong: Yeah I do.

Sahid: What's your project about?

Jeong: Margaret Laurence, a famous Manitoba author.

Sahid: Oh, you'll find lots of information about her at the library. Just go to your nearest library, sit down at one of the catalogue computers, and start your search.

Jeong: How do I do that?

Sahid: Well, you can do your search in a number of ways. You can sit down at a computer, bring up the library catalogue and type in the author's name, or the title of any of her books. The computer will bring up a list of her books and biographies that have been written about her, as well as any DVDs about her.

Jeong: Then what?

Sahid: Then write down the call numbers of the books you're interested in and go to the stacks to look them up. The stacks are the shelves of books and other material, and they're all clearly numbered.

Jeong: What's a call number?

Sahid: The call numbers are the letters and numbers on the spine of every book that help you search through the stacks. Fiction books are arranged in alphabetical order and non-fiction books in numerical order.

Jeong: Can I take the books out of the library?

Sahid: Yes, you can check out most books for three weeks with your library card. When you check them out, you'll get a receipt that tells you how many items you've checked out and when they're due. Make sure you return the books when they're due.

Jeong: What if I need them longer than three weeks?

Sahid: You can renew them for another three weeks, if they're not 'on hold' for another person.

Jeong: Do I have to go to the library to do all of this?

Sahid: No. You can do your search from home by going to the main library website, placing a 'hold' for the books you want and then pick them up at your nearest library branch. You can even renew them online, or by phone. You only need to go to the library to pick them up and drop them off. Just make sure you have your library card handy because you'll have to type in the numbers on your card.

Jeong: Boy, that's really convenient. Is that what you do?

Sahid: Usually. Sometimes, though, I use the computers at the library; it all depends. I actually enjoy going to the library and studying there because I like the atmosphere. I really get into a study mode there.

Jeong: Say, I was wondering. Do you think they might have any DVDs about Margaret Laurence that I could watch?

Sahid: She's pretty famous, so I wouldn't doubt it. Your search will bring up all the titles for her, including books, DVDs, CDs and audiobooks.

Jeong: Well, I think I'm ready to get started. Thanks a lot, Sahid.

Sahid: Good luck on your project! Maybe the next time I run into you will be at the library!

C. Write a Paragraph

Look at the photo story and write a paragraph about the Reyes family's visit to the library. Your paragraph should have at least eight complete sentences. Be sure to use some of the library terminology you learned in the dialogue.

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

D. Website search

Write short answers to the following questions, using a sheet of paper. **For this exercise, you need to go to the Winnipeg Public Library website winnipeg.ca/library.**

1. What kind of information do you find on the main page of the Winnipeg Public Library website?
2. How many library branches are there in Winnipeg?
3. Name one event under the 'Programs & Events' button.
4. Can you renew your library items online?
5. Is WiFi Internet service (for mobile devices) available at all Winnipeg branch locations?
6. What is EBSCOHost? (Hint: check the 'Digital Library' button).
7. Where will you find the library's catalogue?
8. What does OverDrive allow you to do?
9. Where can you find how to book a library computer?
10. Go to the Newcomers and EAL Info Guide. What programs can help you and your family practice English language skills?
11. What is the eighth heading under the 'Our Services' tab?
12. What is the fifth heading under the 'Contact Us' tab?
13. Can you borrow musical instruments from the library? (Hint: check the 'Our Services' tab).
14. How do you find the best databases for EAL (English as an Additional Language) learning?

E. Sentence Practice

Choose eight of the following terms and write a complete sentence for each word.

Example: Membership: I got a library membership last week because I want to take out some books and DVDs for a school project.

Renewal _____

Due date _____

Bestseller _____

Catalogue _____

Book chute _____

Overdue _____

Request _____

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Branch _____

Stacks _____

Circulation desk _____

Genre _____

Online database _____

Call number _____

Checkout receipt _____

F. Advertisement

You and your partner work for an advertising agency. Your job is to design a one-page advertisement for the Winnipeg Public Library, outlining some of the main services provided by the library.

You can talk about any of the following:

- huge selection of books, magazines, DVDs and CDs (without going into too much detail)
- how long you can take them out for
- computers with access to the Internet
- great website
- convenience of being able to renew, and place holds from your computer at home
- convenience of being able to pick up and return items to any branch
- after-hours return chutes to return material when the library is closed
- 20 locations
- various programs and events for all ages
- friendly and helpful library staff
- what a great place your local library is to read, study and do research

You can also use the library membership guide or library website for ideas.

Try and think up a good slogan or catch-phrase for your ad, such as “Something for everyone,” “Your library is just a mouse click away”.

Make sure your page is well laid out with both text and interesting graphics.

You’ll need to study the website to help you with this project.

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Teacher notes

These photo stories and activities were produced to introduce EAL/ESL and new learners to the wealth of programs, collections and services of Winnipeg Public Library. The photo stories help visually guide the learner through common experiences of the library. The activities help reinforce vocabulary and encourage familiarity with library resources.

Each module presents a new topic to expand library knowledge, vocabulary and reading, writing, and speaking skills. Supplementary handouts and guides are also available for classroom and individual use. All materials are available in pdf at winnipeg.ca/library.

Note: Library fees and hours are subject to change. Content will be updated periodically to reflect changes to library hours, fees and collections. Visit the Library's website at winnipeg.ca/library for up to date information on the library.

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The photo story and activities are suitable for Canadian Language Benchmarks 5-6.

Teacher Instructions and Answer Keys

Activity A

Activity A is a True and False exercise. It will get the students thinking about the library and the many services it offers. Hopefully, it will generate some discussion among the students about the library - whether they use it or not, and what they use it for.

Answers to True/False quiz

1. T 2. F 3. F 4. T 5. F 6. T 7. F 8. T 9. F 10. F
11. T 12. F 13. F 14. T 15. T 16. F 17. T 18. T 19. T 20. F

Activity B

This dialogue informs the students how to do a library search, the check out and renewal process, and the variety of items available on any subject. It will help the students with exercises C and E. Hand this dialogue out to the students. The teacher selects two students to read the dialogue. After the students read it, the teacher should check for comprehension of the text.

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Activity C

This activity will give the students some writing practice using some of the terms they learned in the dialogue. Encourage the students to be creative in making up the stories. When they've finished writing their stories, put the students in groups of two and have them read their stories to each other. Finally, the students hand in their stories for correction.

Activity D

This exercise is designed to raise the awareness of the students of the Winnipeg Public Library website (winnipeg.ca/library), and the wide range of services available through the library.

1. Students can list any of the information listed on the main page of the website
2. 20
3. Students can name any of the current events listed
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. A collection of online journal databases containing thousands of journal articles that cover a wide variety of topics.
7. You can enter any search term in the Search Catalogue box on the main page. Enter any word(s) from the title, author or subject and click on the Search button
8. Download popular eBooks and audiobooks to your computer / mobile device.
9. Click on the 'Our Services' tab. Then click on 'Computers & Tech' and select 'Book a Computer'. The user would have to enter a library card number to actually book a computer. (Don't go this far though!)
10. English Conversation Groups and Family Storytimes are two great programs to practice speaking, listening and asking questions in English.
11. The Newcomers / EAL welcome page.
12. Book a Tour
13. Yes
14. Click on the 'Digital Library' button. Select 'A-Z Digital Library Services'. Click on 'All Subjects' and select EAL (English as and Additional Language)