





The Central Library

A Self-Guided Tour for Teens

Level 1

- A. Look at the wood floor near the entrance. How many languages are on the floor?
- B. When people return books, where do they go?
- C. Which folk tale does the blue ox in the Children’s Center represent?

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. How many windows does the Central Library have?
- B. How does the FriendShop close at night without a door? C. What’s on the orange floor by the elevator?
- D. Where can you find lists of suggested books for teens? Pick a list to take with you or a book to check out today.
- E. Can you find the #instastop mural on this level? Take a selfie and post to social media with #SPLselfie.

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. Check the desk in the teen center or ask a librarian. E. Walk behind the escalator, toward the red stairs up to level four.

Level 4

- A. 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. Where are 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. 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. 338 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. Look at the walkways with numbers and letters on them. Do you know what they mean?
- B. Where can you find these?: government publications, music scores, science books, nonfiction DVDs, books about art, biographies
- C. Can you find a current issue of a magazine about a topic that interests you on level six?
- D. What can you see in the room outside the elevator on level seven?
- E. Can you find a CD by your favorite musician or band on level eight?
- F. In the map room on level nine, can you find a map showing where you were born?

A. Dewey decimal numbers and categories. B. Levels 6, 8, 7, 7, 7, 8, C. Magazines are alphabetical by title.
 D. The ZAPP zine collection with more than 30,000 zines, minicomics and other self-published and small press titles.
 E. Search the Library catalog to find out if it is available. F. 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?
- D. Can you find the hours for the Seattle Room local history collection?

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. D. It is open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Friday through Monday.