



The Central Library

A Self-Guided Tour for Teens | Art, selfie spots and other cool stuff



- Opened on May 23, 2004
- Designed by world-famous architects Rem Koolhaas and Joshua Prince-Ramus
- Has 11 levels covering 363,000 square feet with nearly 10,000 windows
- This is the third Central Library building to exist on this block the first was built in 1906

Level 1 is home to the World Languages Collection with materials in a variety of languages.

- Look at the floor you're walking on a work of art (don't worry, it's meant to be walked on).
- Don't have a Library card? Get one here! Talk to our staff and they can help.
- See what's happening in the auditorium. We host author talks, movie screenings and more.

Level 3 is where you can visit the Teen Center – it's just for you!

- Talk to a Teen Librarian, use the computers or hang out in the seating area.
- This floor has our Fiction Collection, and lots of DVDs plus graphic novels and manga.
- Find our hidden underwater themed mural and post a **#SPLselfie**.

Level 4 is the Red Floor; it's really, really red (and it's where people can book meeting rooms for private events).

• There are 13 shades of red paint on the walls, ceiling, floors and stairs.

Level 5 is the Mixing Chamber, where you can use computers, printers, scanners and more.

• See the screens above the desk? The digital artwork displays real-time information about what items patrons are checking out.

Level 6 is the start of the Books Spiral, where you can find our nonfiction collection.

• This level is also home to our extensive collection of newspapers and magazines.

Level 7 is home to the ZAPP Zine Room.

- Make an appointment to see our collection of 30,000+ zines.
- Post a #SPLselfie in front of the Zine Room mural or at our hidden space-themed mural.
- Looking for a job? Visit the Job Resource Center, they can help you write your resume.

Level 8 is where you can see exhibits featuring local artists.

• Hear guitars or singing? That's (probably) coming from our Music Practice Rooms. Book one for your band!

Level 9 is where you'll find the Map Room and our Map Collection.

- We've got maps of National Parks, local roads and so much more.
- If you're interested in learning your family history, you can work with Genealogy librarians to research your ancestry.

Level 10 has the highest viewpoint, where you can look all the way down to Level 3.

- Schedule an appointment at the Seattle Room to view our unique collections, including high school yearbooks from around the city.
- Take a minute to relax in the Reading Room. After touring the whole Central Library, you've earned it!
- When you post your selfies, use the hashtag **#SPLselfie** and tag us on Instagram **@seattlepubliclibrary**.