

The background features a light blue sky with a central illustration of a grey stone castle with a red-tiled roof and a purple flag. Below the castle is a green landscape with a brown path leading to an open book with yellow pages. The text 'FAIRY TALE BALL' is written in large, white, bold, outlined letters across the middle of the image.

FAIRY TALE BALL

SOCIAL STORY



It's Sunday, June 11th! My grownup(s) and I are going to the Medford Public Library for a special event called the Fairy Tale Ball.



Regular clothes

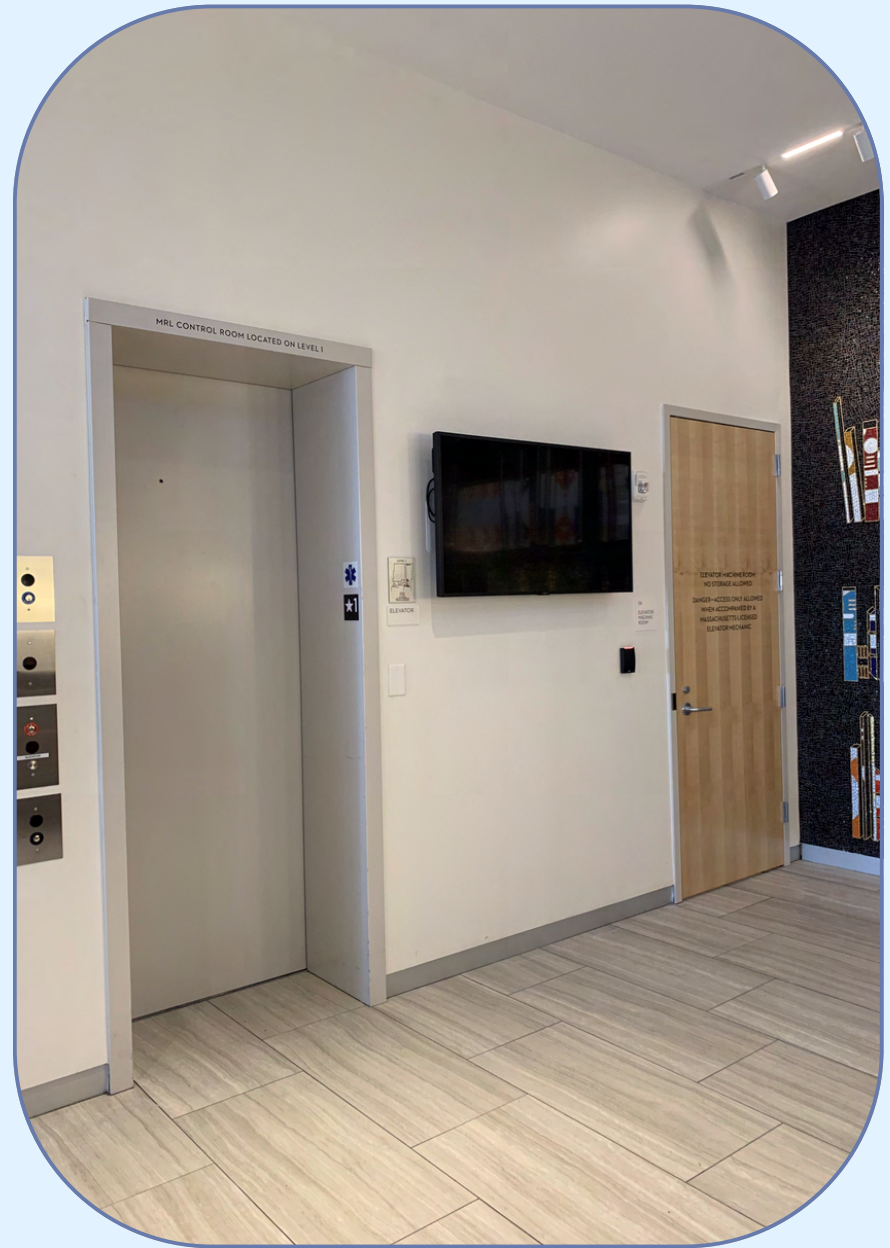


Costumes

A lot of kids and some of the grownups (including the librarians) will probably be wearing costumes! People I know might look different than they normally do, and it's okay if their special outfits make it harder to recognize them right away. I can wear my regular clothes or dress up in a costume, whichever I prefer!

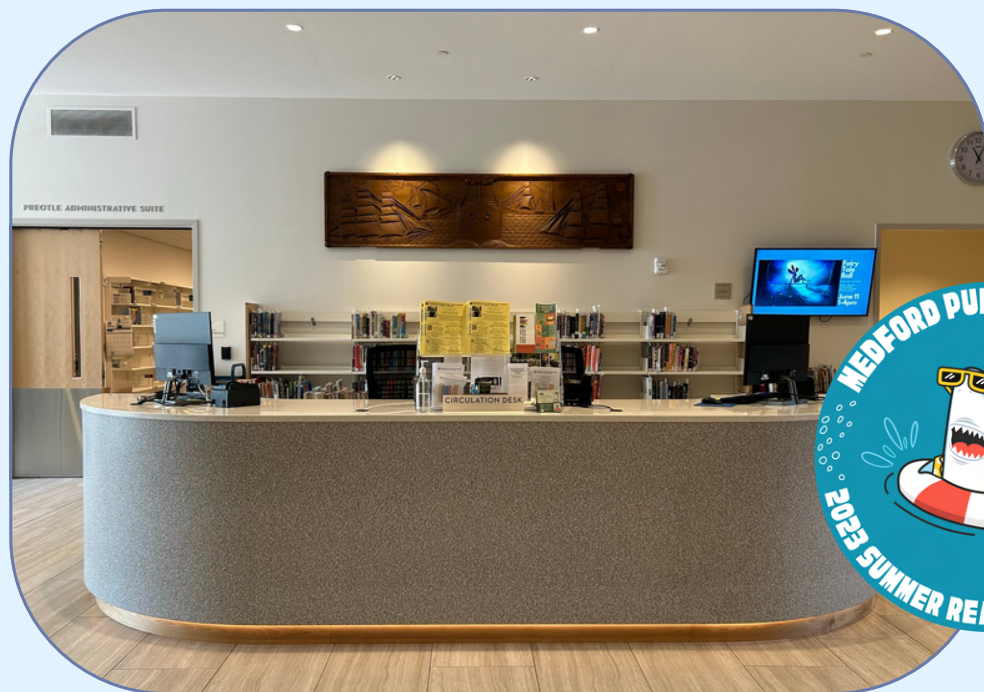


When I get to the library, I have two different ways I can enter the building. I can go directly to the second floor from the parking lot entrance, or I can go directly to the first floor of the library from the High St entrance.



At the Fairy Tale Ball, there will be activities all over the whole library. Some will be downstairs, and some will be upstairs! If I come in on the first floor and I want to go upstairs, I can take the stairs or the elevator to the second floor.

SUMMER READING SIGN UP



The Fairy Tale Ball isn't just a big party -- it's also the perfect time to sign up for the Summer Reading program! There are all sorts of fun challenges I can do all summer long, and even chances to win prizes! I can go to the upstairs or downstairs circulation desks to learn about it and sign up.

FIRST FLOOR ACTIVITIES

- Summer Reading Signup and Item Checkouts
- Photo Booth 
- Bounce House 
- Face Painting 
- Balloon Animals 



These are all of the things I can do on the first floor (downstairs).
The next few pages will tell me more about them in detail!

IN FRONT OF THE MOSAIC: PHOTO BOOTH



Taking a photo by myself or with my grownup(s) is one way to remember the Fairy Tale Ball! If I want to have my photo taken, I can go over to the big colorful mosaic, where a photo booth with props will be set up. I can use one of the silly props if I want to, but it's not required. I will get a special strip of photos printed right away to take home!

NEAR NEW BOOKS: BOUNCE HOUSE



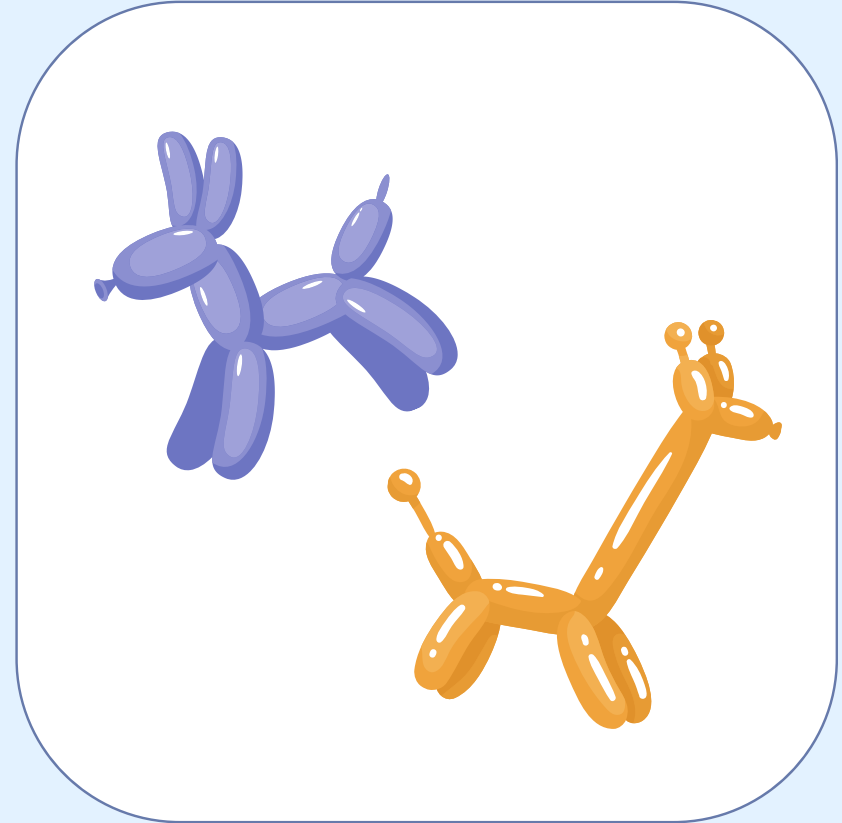
Normally, the grownup part of the library is a place to be quiet, but today I can climb and jump all over a bouncy house INSIDE! There will be a lot of other kids wanting to do it too, so I'll have to practice being patient and waiting my turn. If I'm worried about getting hurt, I can ask a grownup for help.

BEHIND THE INFO DESK: FACE PAINTING






If I want to get my face painted, there will be teen volunteers who will be using special skin-safe paint to decorate kids' faces. If it's more comfortable for me to get my arm or my hand decorated, they can do that instead. There will probably be a line of kids waiting to get painted, so I will have to patiently wait my turn.

STUDY ROOM 5: BALLOON ANIMALS



In Study Room 5, I can watch a grownup make animal shapes out of balloons. If I want to take home a balloon of my own, I can ask for one. I should have a few ideas ready in case the balloon maker doesn't know how to make my first idea, or if it might take too long. There will probably be a lot of other kids who want one too, so I will have to be patient and wait my turn.

SECOND FLOOR ACTIVITIES

- Summer Reading Signup and Checkouts  
- Scavenger Hunt Pickup/Dropoff 
- Sword Fighting 
- Life Size Candy Land 
- Dance Party 
- Bookmark Craft 
- Sensory-Friendly Space 

These are all of the things I can do on the second floor (upstairs).
The next few pages will tell me more about them in detail!

UPPER LOBBY: SCAVENGER HUNT PICKUP/DROPOFF



One of the activities I can participate in is a scavenger hunt! I can pick up the instructions in the lobby. I can take my time finding answers to clues with my grownup(s) to solve a riddle. If I solve the riddle, I will bring the completed form back here to win a prize!

CHILDREN'S ROOM: SWORD FIGHTING



In the Children's Room, I can learn sword fighting! The swords aren't real, and there will be grownups there to teach me who will make sure everything is safe. I can also just watch other kids try it if I don't want to try it myself.

TEEN ROOM: LIFE SIZE CANDY LAND



In the Teen Room, I can play a life size version of the board game Candy Land! Instead of moving a piece around the board, I can BE the piece! There will be grownups and teen volunteers who will explain how it works. I might have to wait for a turn, but I can practice being patient.

YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM ROOM: BOOKMARK CRAFT



In the youth services program room, I can make a silly bookmark to take home with me. There will be plenty of supplies for everyone to make one. There will be a librarian leading the craft if I need help.

BONSIGNORE HALL: DANCE PARTY



From 2-3 pm, there will be dance party in Bonsignore Hall! There will be a lot of kid-friendly music to move my body to. The music will be loud, and the kids dancing will be excited and probably loud too. If I want to just listen and watch, even from outside the room, that's ok!

QUIET ROOM: SENSORY-FRIENDLY SPACE



The Fairy Tale Ball is an event that is going to have a lot of people and will get loud and likely overwhelming. If I need a place to go to that's quieter to calm my body and my mind, I can go to the quiet room. It will be a special sensory friendly space for kids like me who need a break. I can stay here for as short or as long as I want.

SENSORY SPACE LIBRARIAN



Maddi on a regular day

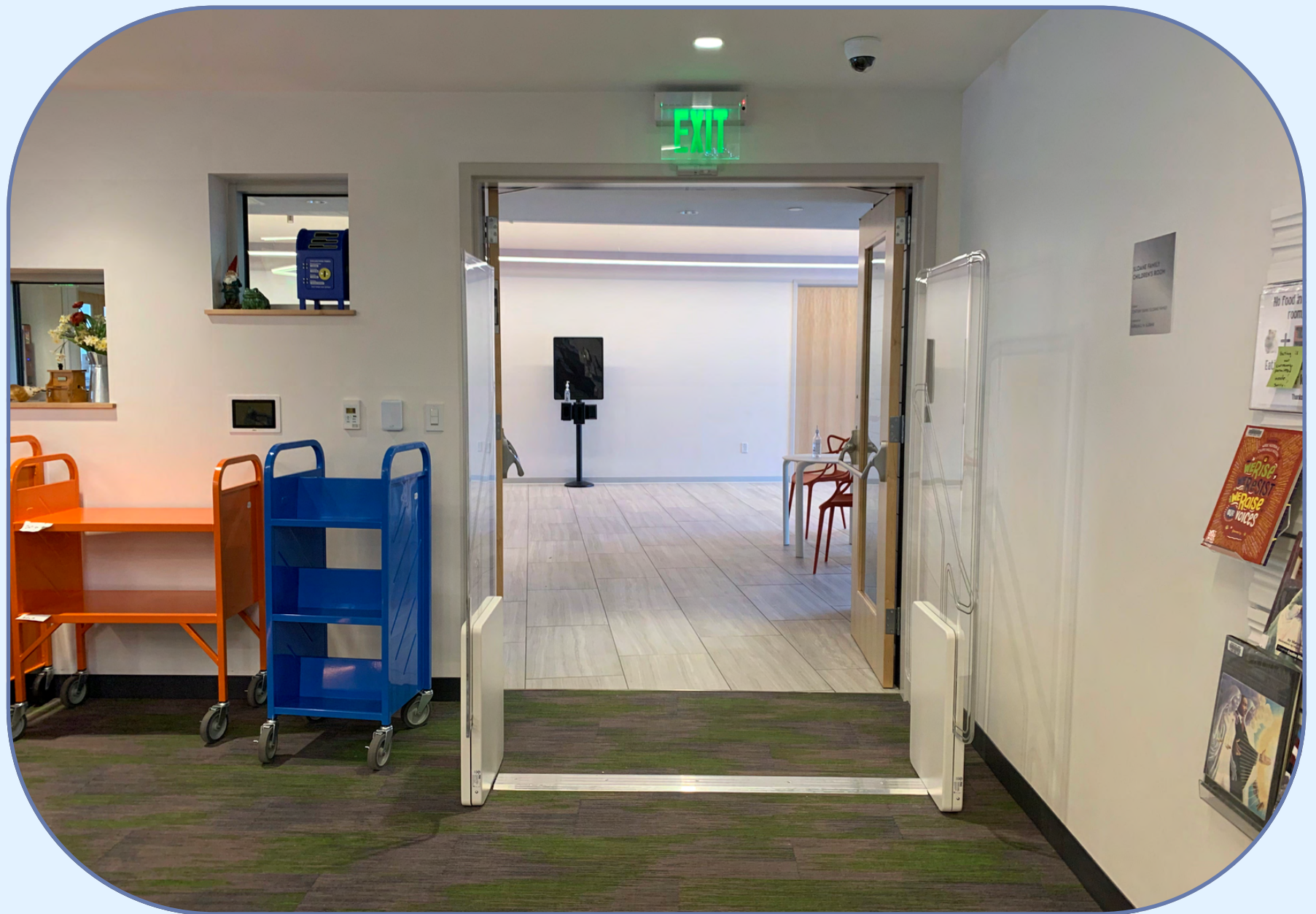


Rosalina, who Maddi will be dressed up as at the Fairy Tale Ball

The Sensory Storytime librarian, Maddi, who usually looks like this photo above, is going to be dressed up like Rosalina from the Mario games. She will be the librarian in the quiet room/sensory-friendly space for the day.



In the quiet room, I can: color in coloring books, cuddle a stuffed animal, play with some toys, read a book, play with fidgets, do a calming breathing exercise, or just sit and relax. I can also get a special vest that feels like a hug, or some headphones to make everything quieter.



When I'm all done and ready to go home, my grownup(s) and I will say goodbye to the library and the Fairy Tale Ball. See you next time, Medford Public Library!