



CALGARY
PUBLIC
LIBRARY



Explore CENTRAL for Kids 6 –12

Explore Central Library and visit the building's highlights. Adults can help read the riddles aloud.

Start on the ground level and work your way up to Level 4. Please travel in groups of no more than six kids and an adult leader. Remember to walk in the Library, use indoor voices, keep shoes on, and drinks covered.



1. LEVEL 0

Welcome one and welcome all! Begin your adventure near the Patricia A. Whelan Performance Hall. Look way up to the Oculus, shining light on all of us. Curved oak slats help Central Library take shape; our building is inspired by Calgary's landscape.

What are some things that may have inspired the shape of Central Library?

Draw or write them here:



2. LEVEL 1M

Today we acknowledge our Treaty 7 friends; the Blackfoot who meet on the Elbow's bend. Along came the Tsuut'ina from the Beaver clans and the Îlethka Stoney Nakoda who live in the mountain lands. Last but not least, the Métis from Region 3. We are all Treaty people, here in Calgary.

At the top of the stairs, with big, strong features, is an animal who is our teacher.

What animal is it? Draw or write it here:

THINKING FURTHER FOR OLDER KIDS: What does the title of the sculpture mean?

3. LEVEL 1M CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Stop at LUKES for a treat sweet and cold. Around the bend, you'll find kids young and old. You'll discover great reads along the west wing and see kids 0 to 5 jump, climb, and swing. Older kids continue the ascension. Pause in a place where you can ask many questions.

What is the name of this place for kids ages 6 to 12?

Hint: The sign is big and orange.

List three things you did here:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

4. LEVEL 2 BOOKSCALATOR

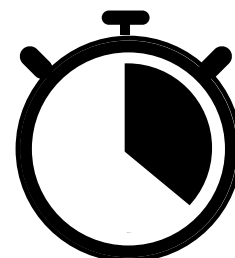
What is that poking out up above the books? Part escalator, part conveyor belt; go have a look! This machine moves books, CDs, and movies from the front doors to behind-the-scenes, where staff do their duties. Materials are sorted to every Library location, 21 places to share information.

Which Library location do you visit the most?

CHALLENGE: With a friend, an adult, and a timer that counts seconds, have one friend stay on Level 2 while the other returns a book at the entrance.

How long does it take for the book to travel upstairs on the Bookscalator?

min _____ sec _____



5. TOP OF THE MOMS' STAIRWAY AT LEVEL 2, NORTH WINDOWS

You may not have noticed, but you're on top of a train! Building on top of it was a bit of a pain. Concrete piles in the ground are 32 metres deep and construction crews poured 2,500 cubic metres of concrete.

SELFIE SPOT: Take a photo of you and your friends above the train line.

THINKING FURTHER FOR OLDER KIDS: Architects called the pre-existing CTrain line on the site a "probletunity." What do you think they meant by this?



6. LEVEL 4

History comes to life on Level 4; for kids and adults, there is much to explore. Calgary's Story on the highest floor is a special collection in the heart of our core. Books, newspapers, and objects from history help researchers uncover mysteries. Open the cabinets, share your story, see artifacts in the media room — we have a lot of inventory!

Find a person from Calgary's past and draw a photograph that tells their story.



THINKING FURTHER FOR OLDER KIDS: If there was a newspaper headline summarizing the story of the historical figure you chose, what would it say?

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

7. LEVEL 4

Artists and historians are writing, drawing, and imagining. The top floor of Central has so much happening. Tiptoe and whisper — the TD Great Reading Room is a space for reflection; people are working without distraction.

Kids will enjoy the view from the top — visit the Simmons-Harvie Community Living Room as your last stop.

1. Look out the windows, facing both north and east, what can you find?

Check the box below.

2. Circle the items that are landmarks.

3. Draw a square around the items that are natural.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	The Bow River
<input type="checkbox"/>	Studio Bell, home of the The National Music Centre
<input type="checkbox"/>	St. Louis Hotel
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Bow (Tower)
<input type="checkbox"/>	TELUS Sky
<input type="checkbox"/>	City Hall
<input type="checkbox"/>	CTrain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Calgary Tower (hint: it may be reflected)
<input type="checkbox"/>	A chinook arch
<input type="checkbox"/>	The prairie foothills
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Did you know we offer **FREE** Library programs for kids 6-12?

Coding Buddies (Grades 1-4) and Code Club (Grades 5-7)

Learn the basics of coding and design your own game, website, and more!

Creative Writing Club (Grades 4-9)

Drop in to play literacy games, work on your creative writing, and get help on your school writing assignments. In partnership with the UCalgary, Department of English.

ELL School Success (Grades 1-3)

English Language Learners are paired with teen volunteers to learn new words. Presentations provided for parents on how to support their child's language learning.

Math Quest (Grades 1-6)

Embark on a math quest. Explore the Library while completing fun numeracy challenges that support what you learn in school. Caregivers are invited to stay and play.

Reading Buddies (Grades 1-3)

Teen volunteers and Library staff provide one-on-one reading support and fun literacy activities for young readers.

School Support: Math (Grades 5-9)

Bring your math assignments for help from trained volunteers. Explore digital resources to support school success.

Study Buddy

Fiction and non-fiction eBooks and safe online articles to help with all your school assignments.

calgarylibrary.ca/digital-library

Ultimate Summer Challenge (all ages)

Are you up for the Challenge? Track your reading and keep your brain busy with over 500 free programs and awesome prizes for kids and families every July and August.

Program offerings and availability may vary. Visit calgarylibrary.ca/programs to find even more programs just for kids at Calgary Public Library locations!



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