

The Bridgewater Library



<http://www.somerset.lib.nj.us>

This is the library.



This is my library, the Bridgewater Library. People come to the library to access information and services. There are books I can read, information I can research, and programs and services in which I can participate.

These are the times I can use the library.



There are specific days and times I can use the library. The Bridgewater Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on most Sundays from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. (We are open on Sundays, September through May.) The library website is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

There are many different areas within the library.



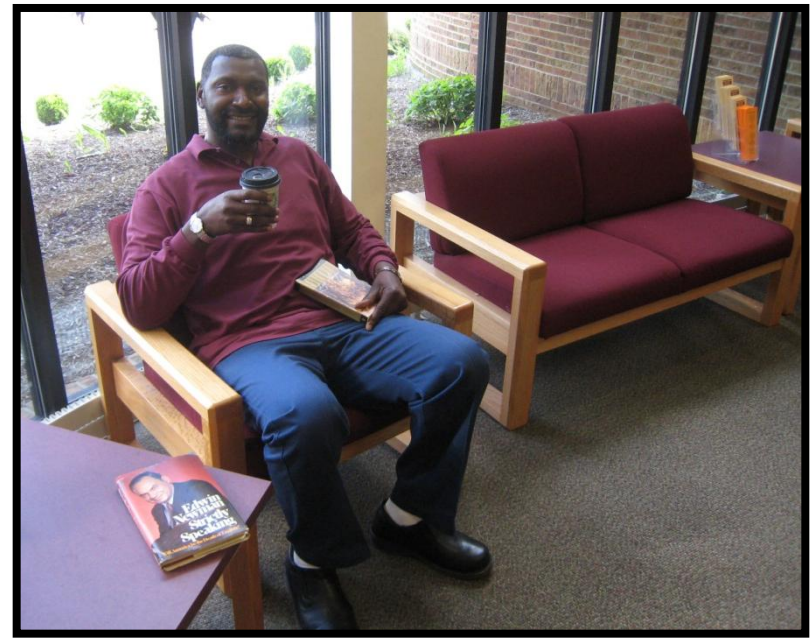
They are the Youth Services area for children and teens, the Adult Services area, the lobby, the Circulation Desk, the Periodicals Desk and the Customer Service Desk.

The library has quiet places to read or study.



There are places in the library I can go to do my work quietly. My librarian can help me find them. I should always be respectful of others who are reading or studying quietly so that they are not disturbed.

The library has places to talk and eat.



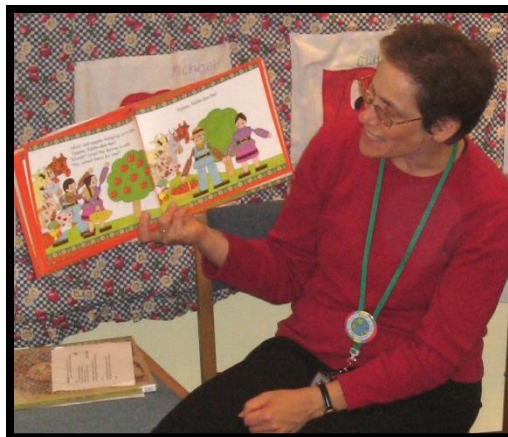
The lobby is a place to use my cell phone, have a snack or a conversation with friends.

The library has places to play and relax.



I can use the play area, play on the game computers or color pictures in the Youth Services department. I can read a magazine or newspaper in the Adult area.

The library offers programs, events and classes.



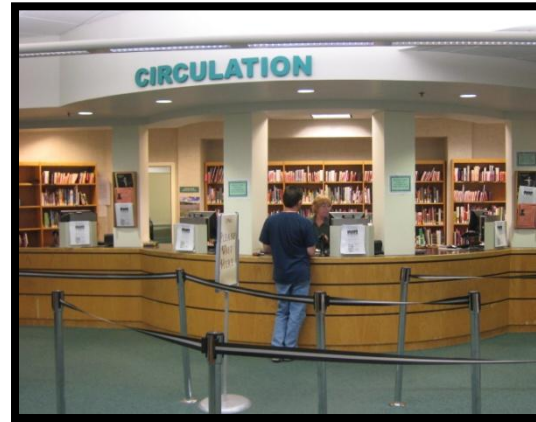
There are many interesting and exciting activities at the library. I can ask my librarian for more information about programs and when they are scheduled. I can get a calendar or guide that lists children, teen and adult programs offered at the Bridgewater Library. If I need any special assistance, I should tell the library staff person ahead of time. I should ask if there are any guidelines or restrictions for an event.

These are the bathrooms in the library.



A staff member can show me how to get to the bathroom. It may be called by other names – a restroom or a lavatory. The bathroom in my library is there for me to use as needed. It is inappropriate to use the restroom for other activities other than my personal use and cleanliness. I can let the library staff know if I have special needs. I should always respect a person's privacy in the bathroom.

These are the places where I can go to ask questions.



I can ask any of the library staff if I have questions or need help. I can go to the Adult Services Reference Desk, the Youth Services Reference Desk, the Customer Service Desk, the Periodicals Desk or the Circulation Desk, and the library staff will be happy to help me.

This is the Youth Services Department of the Bridgewater Library.



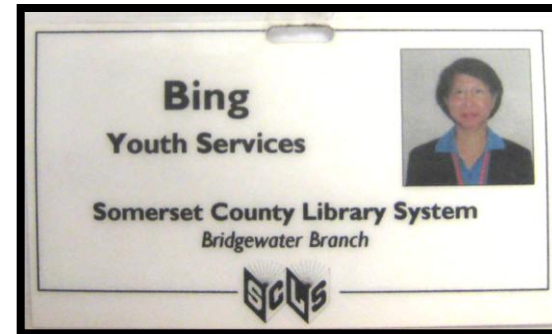
Children, teens and adults use the Youth Services area of the library to find books and other materials, use the computers, and attend programs. I can get help finding things, or assistance with my research or homework from the Reference Librarian. I can also find places to play and enjoy library activities.

This is the Adult Services Department.



I can find all kinds of materials in the Adult Services department, including books, audio books, music, movies, newspapers and magazines. In addition, I can find places to work individually or in groups. I can get help with my research or homework from the librarian, and I can also find computers to use.

This is how I know who works at the library.



These are the people who work at my library. They wear a special ID with their picture. I know that I can get help by asking my questions to a staff person, and that they can help me find the books or services I need. I should treat all library staff with respect and courtesy.

Here are some of the librarians who can help.



Librarians can help me find books and other materials and can teach me how to find information in the collection and through the computer.

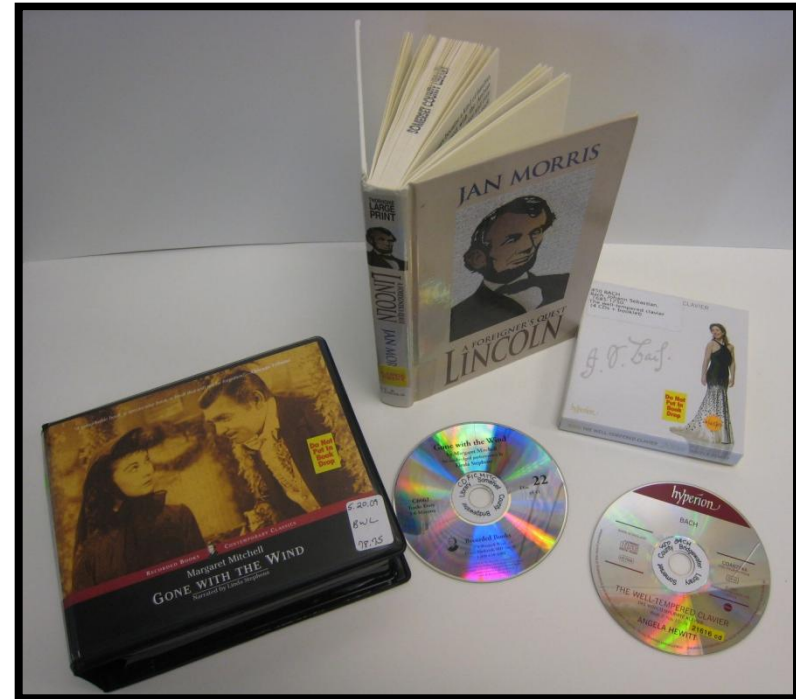
Library materials belong to the community.



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DUE DATE: 06-10-09
Somerset County / Bridgewater Library
(908) 526-4016 x101

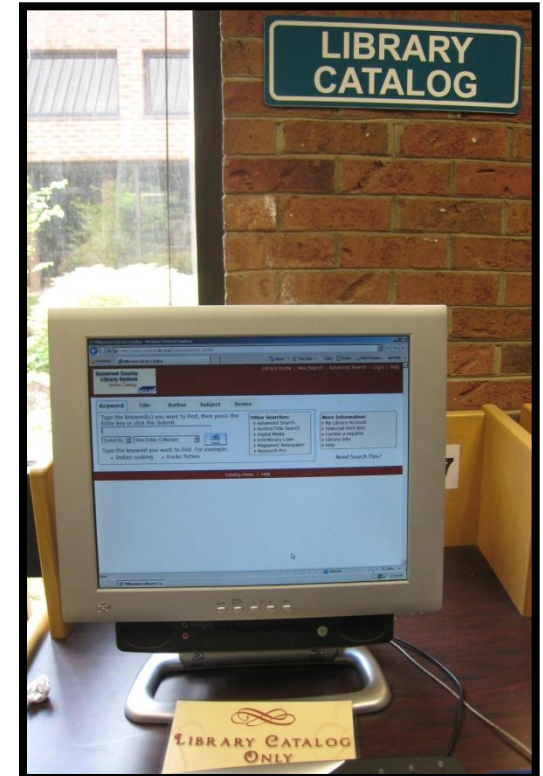
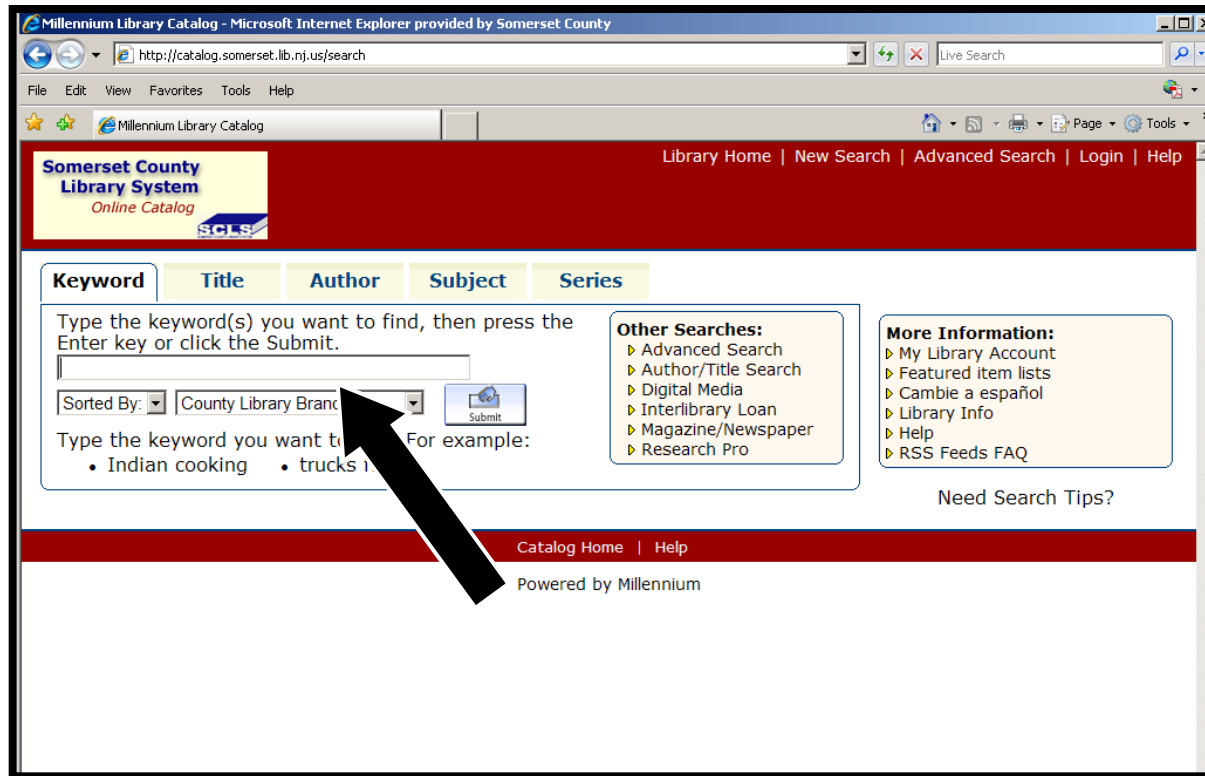
The library belongs to my community so I need to be respectful of the books, materials, and property. Another person may want to borrow the materials I have. I need to honor the date that has been indicated for the book and return the book on time. The library will charge me an overdue fine if I keep materials past the due date. Respectfully, I need to pay the amount specified by the library staff member.

The Bridgewater Library has many different kinds of materials.



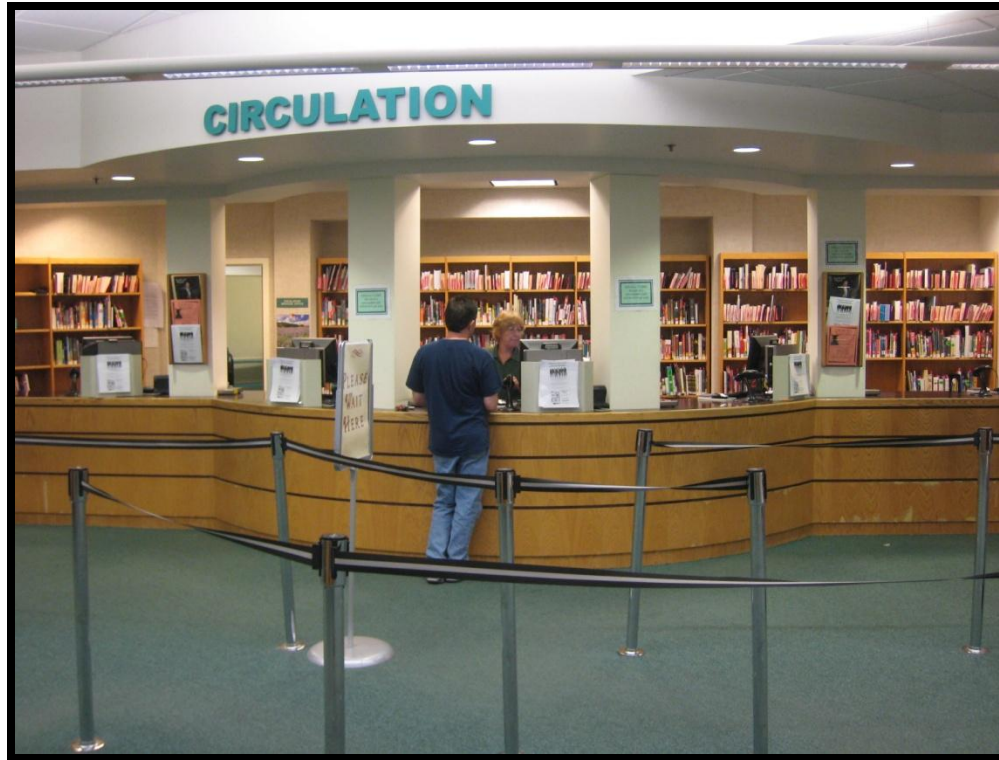
Many people in my community have special needs. If I need to discuss special access, resources or services my library can try to help me based on my personal needs. Special services may include books in alternate formats, book retrieval and/or delivery, and other offerings. I can ask the librarian if I need help.

This is how I find a book at the library.



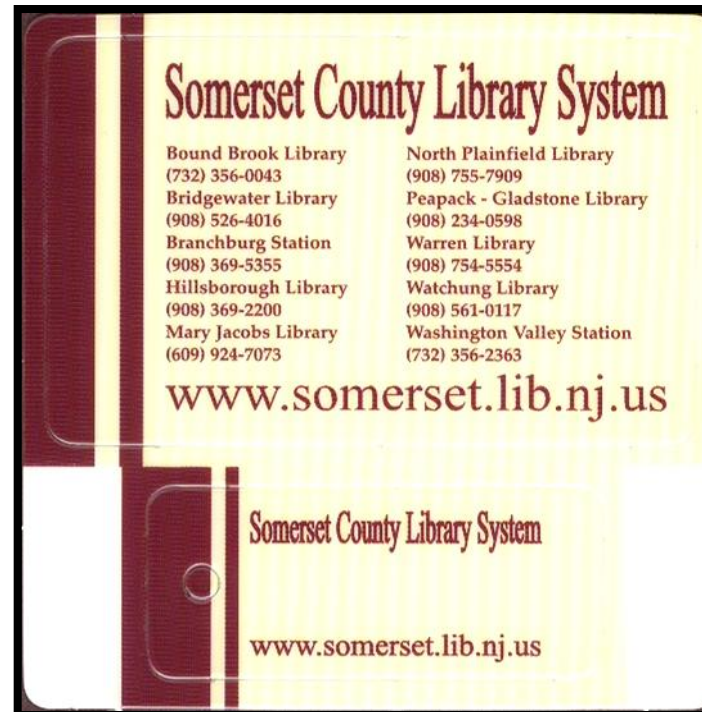
I can look for books in the library's computerized catalog. I can search by title or author or subject. I can do this on computers at the library or from home. In addition, I can ask a librarian for help finding what I need.

This is the Circulation Desk at the library, where I check out the materials I want to borrow.



The Circulation Desk is the place I can use my library card to check-out, renew or return books and other materials I've borrowed from the library. The library has rules about which items can be borrowed, when they need to be returned, and the condition in which they need to be returned.

This is a library card.



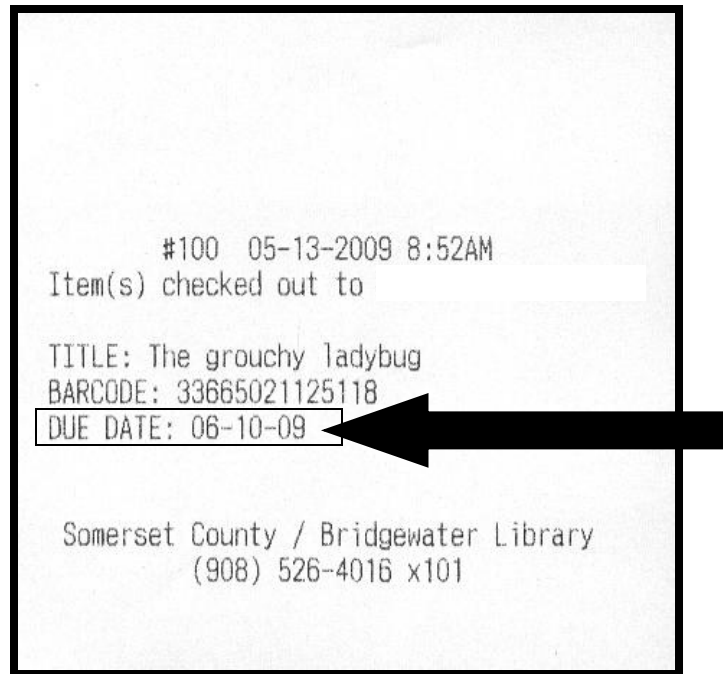
Having a library card at the library lets me check out things like books, magazines, movies on DVDs, music on CDs, and audio books. I can also use it from any computer to access databases or my account information. There are rules about getting and using a library card. A librarian can provide me with more information about getting and using my library card.

This is how I can borrow books from the library.



In order to borrow books from the library, I need to give my library card and the books to the person at the Circulation Desk. The staff person will return the books and the card to me and tell me when I have to return them to the library. I get a slip of paper to remind me what I have checked out and the date it is due.

This is how I know how long I can borrow library materials.



There are rules in the library for the length of time I can keep books, movies and CDs. When I check out materials, the date I need to have them back to the library is printed on the receipt.

This is where I return library materials.



I can return materials inside the library near the Circulation Desk. I can also return materials in the drop boxes outside in front of the building.

There are many computers that I can use at the Bridgewater Library.



I can browse the Internet to find information on the computer. There are also ways that I may be able to download certain e-books, audio books, music and videos. I can also use a word processor and other applications. I can ask the librarian for help reserving time on a computer and for help using a computer at my library. I need to ask a librarian about the rules my library has on using the computer.

This is a printer.



This is where I can print information from the computer. There is a small charge for each page that I print. I should ask the library staff person for more information about printing information at my library.

This is a photocopier.



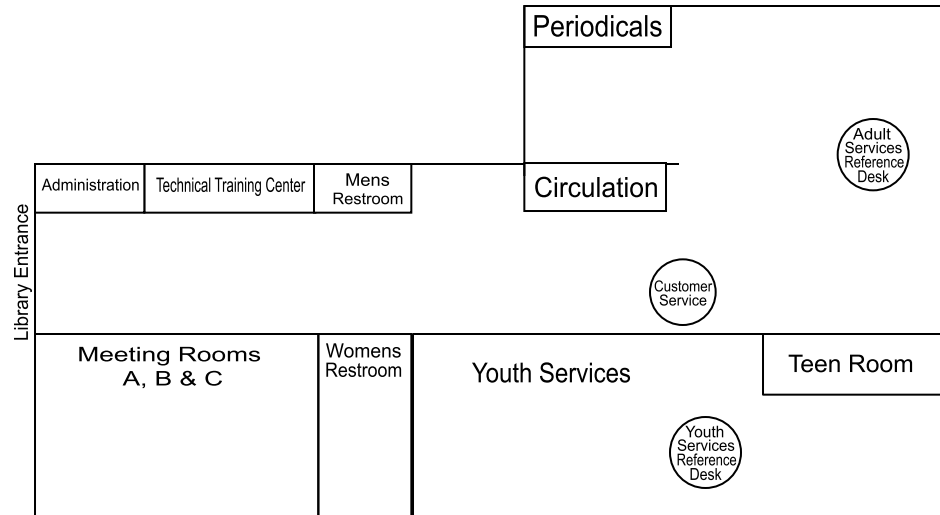
This is a machine that can photocopy pages. Machines are located by the Circulation Desk, in the Periodicals area, and in Adult Reference. Copies cost 10 cents each. I can ask a library staff person for help finding and using the machine, as well as the rules of photocopying information at my library.

I really enjoy coming to the library!

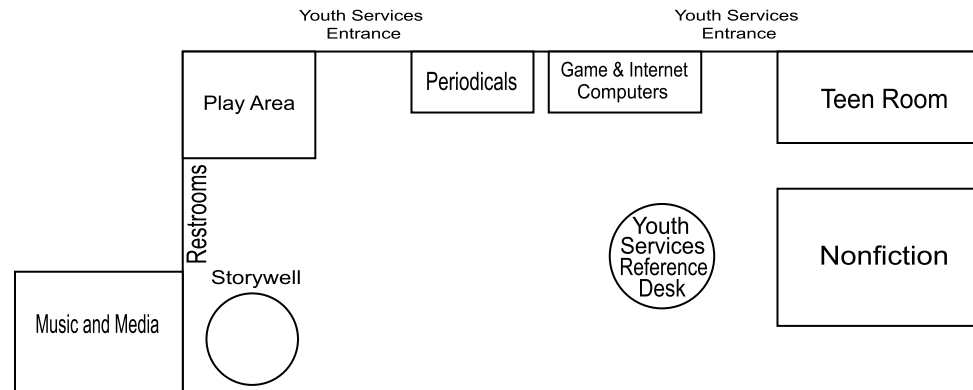


There is always something to do and see at the Bridgewater Library.

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