



MAKE IT FRIENDLY

Libraries should be designed to be a place where people want to stay - open, bright, colorful and comfortable.



COLOR:

Posters. Children's artwork.



LIGHT:

Make use of windows. Seating near natural light.



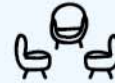
COMFORT:

Comfortable furniture. Cushions and blankets. Soft carpet. Children's corner.



MAKE IT ABOUT LEARNING

Libraries are places to encourage exploration, discovery and creativity.



PLACES FOR GATHERING:

Seating for collaboration.



PLACES FOR CREATIVITY:

Objects for playing, drawing and building.



A PRINT-RICH ENVIRONMENT:

Text, labels and words everywhere.



MAKE IT EASY

Users appreciate the library most when what they need is easy to find and use.



EASY SHELVES:

Placed at users height.



DISPLAY FOR DISCOVERY:

Face books out, use about 40% of shelf space.



HUMANIZE TECHNOLOGY:

Readily accessible throughout, at levels for children and adults.



MAKE IT ADAPTABLE

Use a small space best by changing it for changing needs.



MOVEABLE SCREENS AND BARRIERS:

For private or separate space when needed. Use wheels.



BOXES AND BINS:

Books sorted by topic, level. Small, mobile containers.



ZONE THE LIBRARY:

Spaces for kids, for reference, for meeting, for quiet reading.