Welcome to the Temescal Branch of the Oakland Public Library
This is the entrance.
I walk up the stairs to get into the library building.

I can access the bathroom by walking down the stairs to the left, then making a right where I will see the bathroom door.
I can also use the elevator to get into the building.

The elevator entry is around the building on the back side.
I return my library items in the bin.

The **Returns** bin is black. It is to the left of the door at the top of the stairs.
I can also return items outside in the Book Drop. It is located to the right of the entry stairs.
I can use the copy machine in the library lobby.

The copy machine is to the right of the lobby stairs. The documents print in black & white and cost $.15 per page.
When I walk into the building, I see the Front Desk.

This is the desk where I can check out items to take home, or ask a library question. Everyone at this desk wants to help me.
At the Front Desk, I can ask library questions about:

- My library account
- Finding a library item
- How to use a library resource
- A recommendation
- Getting a library card
To get a library card, I can fill out an application.

The library card will let me check out items to take home and access additional resources, such as books online, and passes to visit fun places. I get to choose which style card I want. Library cards are free of charge.
The Children’s Area is to the left of the Front Desk.
The Children’s Area has many items to check out and take home.

I can borrow books, toys, DVDs, audiobooks, and more.
Sometimes, I can attend storytime in the Children’s Area.

The librarian reads me a story, sings with me, and sometimes we dance.
My librarian is Celia.

Celia is the Children's Librarian at the Temescal branch.
The library has computers I can use.

My card gives me one hour of computer access per day, including internet access, and use of Microsoft Office. I can also print black and white documents for $.15 per page.
The Adult Area is to the right of the Front Desk. On this side, I will see:

- Books (in English and Amharic)
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Language learning material
- CDs
If I have reserved a library item, I can retrieve it from the Holds shelf.

Holds are organized alphabetically by last name, shown on the tag sticking out of the top of the item.
I can borrow tools at the Tool Lending Library.

I can provide proof of residency in Oakland, Piedmont, or Emeryville to receive borrowing privileges.
I can check out my items at the Self-Checkout machine.

I can use it by scanning my library card, and then entering my four-digit PIN number.
I place the items on the glass platform under the scanner.

It will automatically detect the stack of items I am taking out.
I can also check out items at the Front Desk.

I present my library card, or a photo ID, to check out my items.