

The Corner Visiting Story



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Acknowledgement of Country

Here is the land.
Here is the sky.
Here are my friends and
here am I.
We stand together
hand in hand
respecting and acknowledging
the Traditional Owners of this land.



Today I am visiting The Corner!

The Corner is State Library of Queensland's playful learning space for children and their families.



Group of families sitting together for Songs and stories at The Corner.

Getting to The Corner

The Corner is located next to Reception. I move past the bike racks and into the courtyard. I can look for the big metal canopy to help me find my way.



Child and adult walking past the bike racks into the courtyard.



Big metal canopy above the doors into The Corner.

If I have a pram, I can park it at the pram signs.



A group of prams parked outside The Corner behind a white sign with an image of a pram.

What to expect

In The Corner, there are rules to keep everyone safe. These are called conditions of entry.

Please accept and abide by our conditions of entry.



Children must
be accompanied
by an adult



Food and drink
in designated
areas only



Ask carers before
taking photos
of children



No smoking
or vaping



CCTV in use



Enjoyment
encouraged

I can find the conditions of entry on the front door of The Corner and on the library website.

State Library staff are here to help. I can ask them for help while I am at The Corner.



Staff wear black or white shirts that have a State Library of Queensland logo on them.

The Corner has 6 areas to explore. I can choose where to go and what to do.



At The Corner I will see:

- Lots of people
- A mix of natural light and overhead lighting
- Mirrors and rippled shiny surfaces
- Some toys that light up

If it is too bright I can:

- Wear my tinted glasses
- Ask staff for help



Large group of families at Songs and stories



Children and adults making paper based craft. Overhead lights are attached to a textured mirror on the ceiling.



Adult and child look at themselves in a large floor to ceiling mirror.



At The Corner I will hear:

- Lots of noise!
- People talking, reading, singing and playing
- Live music, background music and sound



Adult and child reading out loud together



Adults and children drumming together



If it is too loud I can:

- Step outside to the courtyard
- Use headphones
- Ask staff to help me find a quieter space



The courtyard is a quieter place to play



This area of The Corner has panels that muffle sound

At The Corner I can touch:

- Soft things
- Hard things
- Squishy things
- Wet things



Adult and child play with a furry puppet



Child and adult hold and decorate a pinecone

I can:

- Choose what to touch
- Wash my hands in the art space sink



Children play with kinetic sand



Stainless steel sink trough with three push taps, soap and paper towel dispensers.



At The Corner I might smell:

- Sensory play and craft materials
- My food and snacks
- Other people's food and snacks
- Nappies



All sensory materials are:

- Child safe

I can ask staff for information about allergens and if materials are okay to ingest.



Adult and baby playing with playdough, flower petals, leaves and pinecones



Children playing with water and bubbles outside



Children eating snacks outside at the library



Nappy bin in the parents and carers room

Facilities



There is one all gender accessible toilet stall in The Corner. It has 2 toilets. One small and one large.



The large toilet has a right-hand side grab rail and a duress button below the rail.



At the basin there is an electric hand dryer and sharps disposal.

There is one parents and carers room.



It has one microwave and upright bench seating.



There are 2 in-built change tables with connected basins.

The parents and carers room is open when the library is open, even if The Corner is closed.



Enter via Reception on Level 1.



The carers room is behind the big wooden doors.



Staff at Reception will open the doors.

Information for d/Deaf and hard of hearing visitors

Auri assistive listening receivers are available for visitors who are d/Deaf or hard of hearing. They support listening via hearing aids, cochlear implants and headphones.



Frequently asked questions

- The Corner is open 9:30 am – 4 pm every day except Good Friday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.
- Most programs are free to attend and no bookings are required. You might need to book for special programs. Ask a staff member or check our website for details.
- Bookable sensory-friendly sessions are held for visitors looking for a quieter, calmer experience of The Corner.
- Visit The Corner page on State Library of Queensland's website for more information.

Useful Links

Getting here: <https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/visit/getting-here>

Access and inclusion: <https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/visit/access-and-inclusion>

Food and facilities: <https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/visit/food-and-facilities>

Opening hours: <https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/visit/opening-hours>

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