AROUND HERE, SHHH IS A FOUR-LETTER WORD

No fines either. Fines aren’t fun. Neither is enforcing them. Besides, what’s the point of being a library if you have to tell seventh graders they can’t check out a book because they owe a few cents. Now that doesn’t mean an Anythink library is a free-for-all. It just took some new thinking to get around an age-old library problem.

An Anythink library is designed for people of all ages and mindsets. If you want quiet space, you’ll find all kinds of great hideaways. Like the company of others? Park yourself in one of the big comfy chairs around the fireplace. Want to crush someone in a game of Wii tennis, take in a puppet show, or sit in for story hour? We’ve got places for all that, too. The point is that an Anythink library is designed to be enjoyed. We guarantee there’s a perfect space for everyone.

ANYTHING IS MORE THAN BOOKS

Books are great. And we work very hard to make sure all types of them are available to you at all times. But we also put a lot of energy and funding into our new Anythink library services. Like Mac labs, Wii gaming consoles, fireplaces and more music and movies than we’ve ever had before.

DON’T FIND US, WE’LL FIND YOU

You can spot Anythink guides, concierges and wranglers by their bright orange lanyard and name tag. We didn’t pick orange because it’s flattering, we picked it because you can see it from 30 feet. Which is exactly what we want. No matter what their job title the first priority of any Anythinker on the floor is to help you find inspiration and support it with information.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

While we celebrate the beginning of a totally new and exciting form of library, rest assured that this revolution will continue. Every day we are committed to finding new ways to serve our customers, build exciting programs, broaden creative opportunities and push the best ideas forward.

This is your Anythink. Tell us what you think. Send any comments or creative ideas to: ITHINK@ANYTHINKLIBRARIES.ORG

TO FIND OUT MORE, GO TO ANYTHINKLIBRARIES.ORG

IS THAT NEW LOGO BRAIN MATTER, A CLOUD, OR SPAGHETTI?

The new Anythink logo is a doodle. Why? Because doodles are so often the humble start of any idea. Maybe a drawing, a poem, or even an amazingly complex two-year plan for an entirely new form of library. Ask us any question and you’ll probably see you doodles at the root of your answer. You draw your library anywhere you put your mind to it and we’re hoping you’ll be doing a lot of doodling. You’ll spot our doodle everywhere in an Anythink library. It’s our way of saying we support creative thinking. After all, why shouldn’t your new library—and its logo—be anything you want them to be?
WHY ANYTHINK?

An Anythink library is a library. Only it’s more like a library turned upside down, loaded with new technology, full of fun people, and missing most of the rules.

Librarians are smart people. Around here, they’re also friendly people. Part wizard, part explorer, and part genius, it’s their job to help you find a lot more than books, movies, and music. Their whole mission is to help you find the sparks that can fuel your ideas. Those sparks can be practically anything. In any form. And they are everywhere. Our librarians are called guides because it’s their job to help you find them.

GUIDE—a professional librarian who can help you navigate thousands of resources and references to create, support, and extend your ideas.

WRANGLERS—a resource and materials expert who knows where everything is, where it goes, and how to make sure it’s available.

CONCIERGE—they run the front of the house. Part greeter, book, movie and music expert, they are the library equivalent of an air-traffic controller. They welcome you to your Anythink home away from home.

Everyone knows the Dewey Decimal System. The problem is, most people don’t “get it”. To make it easier for you to find the books you want, we use a system that you’ve all experienced in your favorite bookstores. You come in, find the section you want, and browse for the book you would like. And look around. Instead of hiding behind a big wood desk, our guides (other places call them librarians) are always easy to spot and happy to help.

WHAT MAKES A LIBRARY AN ANYTHINK LIBRARY?

You have to be more than a librarian to work here.

We dumped Dewey.

Some of this year’s programs:

• How to file your tax return
• Visit the technology petting zoo
• Take part in whole family story time
• Join a creative writing group or anime club
• Catch the buzz with coffee, pastries, and the paper on Saturday morning

Like creativity and imagination, we have no boundaries. If you have an Anythink library, you have access to a world of information through anythinklibraries.org. Any day or night you can log in and find the ideas and answers you’re looking for.

Every day in Adams County a 30-foot world of information called ANYTHINK IN MOTION is on the road, pulling into remote communities, schools, senior centers, and stopping at more than 140 homes of people who aren’t able to visit their local Anythink branch. That service, and support for every member of our community, is something all of us in Adams County can be proud of.

A BUILDING WITH NO WALLS

IDEAS SHOULD HAVE NO BOUNDARIES

At Anythink we don’t want to be the experts. We want to build experts. Anythink library programs are exciting, hands-on programs that focus on involvement. We don’t want you to sit and watch. Whether you’re in children’s theatre or a class on social networking you will always be a participant, never a passenger.

CREATING PROGRAMS YOU CAN BE A PART OF

Anythink is a way of saying you can do anything here. Anything you can possibly think of. It’s also an operating philosophy for everything we do—from hiring new staff, to purchasing new materials and developing new programs. The more imaginative and collaborative we can be, the better we can serve our customers.

THE STAFF LOVES IT EVERY DAY!

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