



Improving the Physical Environment

Environmental Checklist



Does Your Library Provide:

Accessibility & Navigation

- ☐ Self-opening doors for easy entry
- ☐ Wide aisles and clear pathways for mobility
- ☐ Stable shelving and clear sightlines to entrances and service desks

Clear Signage

- ☐ Large-print signage at eye level
- ☐ High-contrast signs with simple words and familiar icons
- ☐ Color-coded zones or “You Are Here” maps for wayfinding
- ☐ Clear labeling of genre sections and service desks

Lighting & Flooring

- ☐ Bright, even lighting throughout the library
- ☐ Non-glare, matte finish floors (avoid shiny or patterned surfaces)
- ☐ High-contrast markings on stairs and ramps
- ☐ Reduce glare and shadows for safer navigation

Supportive Spaces and Seating

- ☐ Sturdy chairs with armrests in reading areas and near entrances
- ☐ Designated quiet spaces for reduced stimulation
- ☐ Family restroom with grab bars for care partner assistance
- ☐ Accessible seating near circulation desks for visibility

Staff Support & Assistance

- ☐ Easy ways to get help from staff (visible desks, proactive greetings)
- ☐ Staff wearing large, readable name badges or lanyards