

Senior Spaces

Creating Your Library as a Place for Older Adults

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Senior Spaces

- Welcome
- Thanks to Texas State Library & Archives
- Opportunity to Learn About Senior Spaces
- View Examples
- Plan
- Components
- Change Your Library Space



Senior Spaces

- Changing Demographics
- Increase in Older Adult Population Next 20 years (35 to 78 Million)
- Baby Boomers Turned 64 This Year, Retiring
- Returning to the Library
- Changes in the Library with Customer Focus



Senior Spaces

- Same Time
- Greatest Generation
- Silent Generation
- Continue to be Library Users
- Create a warm, friendly, stimulating area in the Library aimed at all 3 Generations



Senior Spaces

- Already Begun to Segment Library by Age
- Very Successful Over a Century
- Children's Room
- Big & Small Libraries have developed nurturing spaces for children, family and caregivers



Senior Spaces

- But-so do retailers and bookstores, don't they?
- Teen Spaces
- Little Dixie Regional Library, Moberly MO
- Teens are welcome to meet their friend, do homework, read books, watch TV, a DVD or even play a video game



Senior Spaces

- Senior Spaces are inviting locations in your library for baby boomers, older adults, the elderly and their families
- Places for older adults to enjoy a place to read a book, create a puzzle, listen to a vinyl record.....



Senior Spaces

- Are Big and Small and quiet and sometimes noisy
- Are at the “center” of your core of services for the 3 generations of seniors (like your teen space is)
- Most Visible Part of Your Service



Senior Spaces

- Each “Senior Space” is Different ; each “Senior Space” is the same
- Components of Service
- Age Appropriate
- Variety of opportunities for learning , exploration and fun!
- Stay awhile; enjoy the surroundings



Senior Spaces - Planning

- Questions to Ask?
- Who? What? Where?
When? And Why?
- Funding/Budget
- “Senior Advisory Board”



Senior Spaces - Planning

- Staffing
- Architect/Space Planner
- Sustainability
- Marketing/Publicity



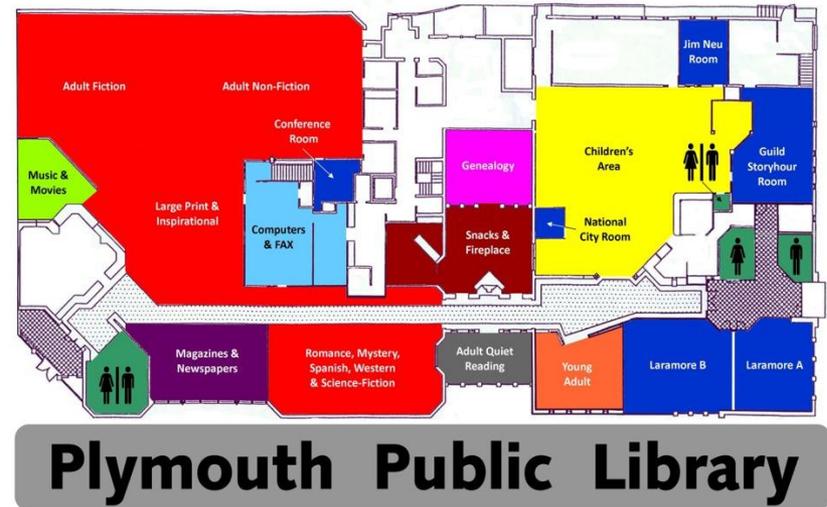
Senior Spaces - Layout

- Location
- Size
- Relation to Other Parts of the Library
- Accessibility
- Light
- Noise
- Visibility
- Bathrooms



Senior Spaces - Layout

- Draw the Plan
- Yourself
- Professional Architect, Space Planner
- Utilize Staff, Customer, and Senior Advisory Board Input
- Location, Size, etc.



Senior Spaces - Design

- Space Creates Design
- Atmosphere
- Quiet, Relaxed, Busy, Noisy
- Color, Paint
- Carpet, Rugs
- Lighting, Lamps
- Furniture, Style



Senior Spaces - Signage

- Senior Space
- Young at Heart
- Senior Place
- Seasons
- Jones Zone
- Living Room
- Senior Center
- Renaissance Center



Senior Spaces - Collections



Senior Spaces - Technology



Senior Spaces – Special Needs



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Senior Spaces - Seating



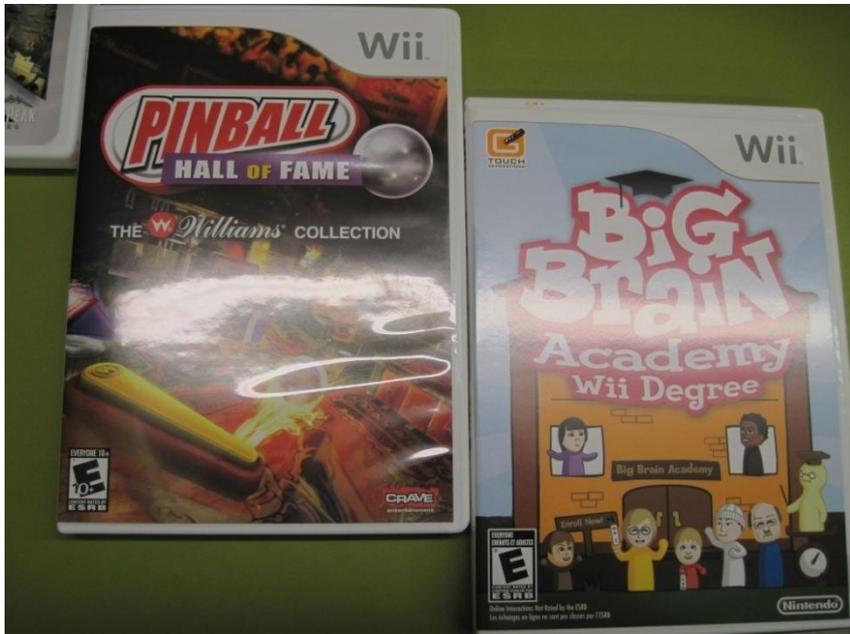
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Senior Spaces - Entertainment



Senior Spaces - Gaming



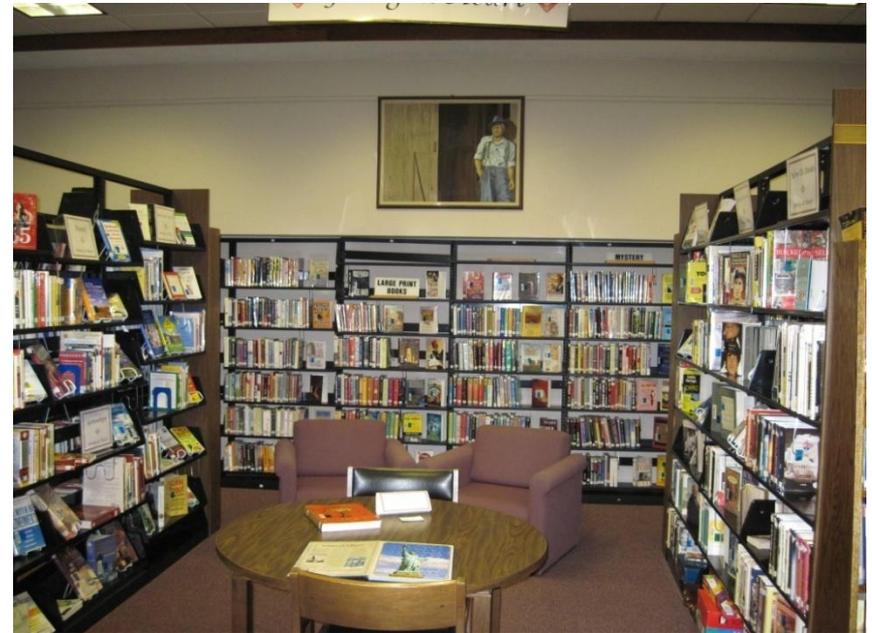
Senior Spaces - Information



Senior Spaces - Merchandising



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Senior Spaces Programming Component



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Programming Component

- Italian Night
- Pasta Making
- Wine Tasting
- Poetry Writing
- Meet the Artist
- English Tea Time
- Interesting India
- Meet the Author
- Book Discussions
- Food for Thought: Good Eating, Good Health
- Become Active on Facebook
- “Senior” Night Out at the Library
- Diamonds 101

Senior Space – As Space

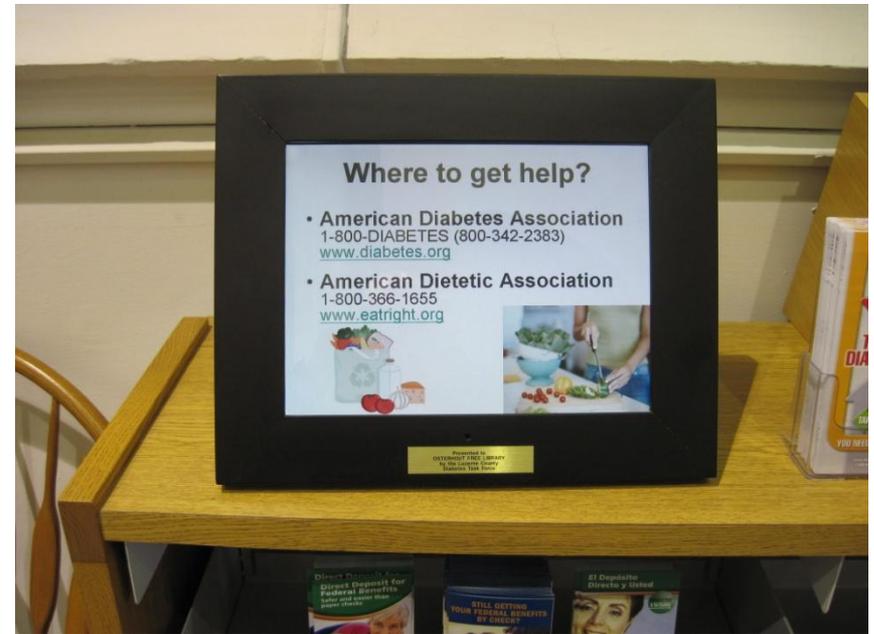


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Putting it All Together

- Big, Small
- Utilize New & Existing Furniture
- Little Construction to Library
- Created Cozy Comfy Corners
- Visible, Accessible
- Focus on Materials
- Focus to “Something to Do”
- Draw the Senior to the Space, to visit
- Technology Component
- Moved Materials Together to make a cohesive whole plan
- Simply Easy & it WORKS!

Some Examples



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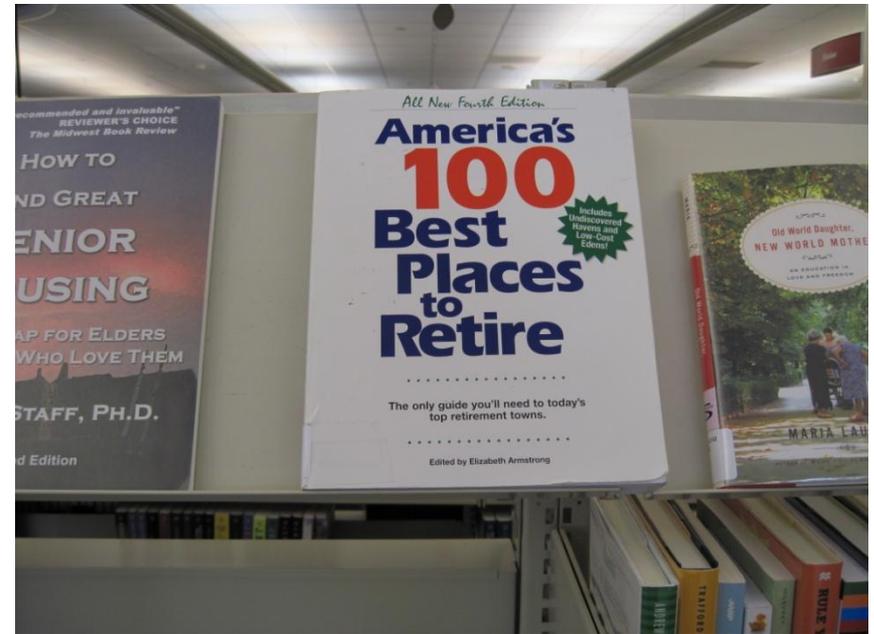


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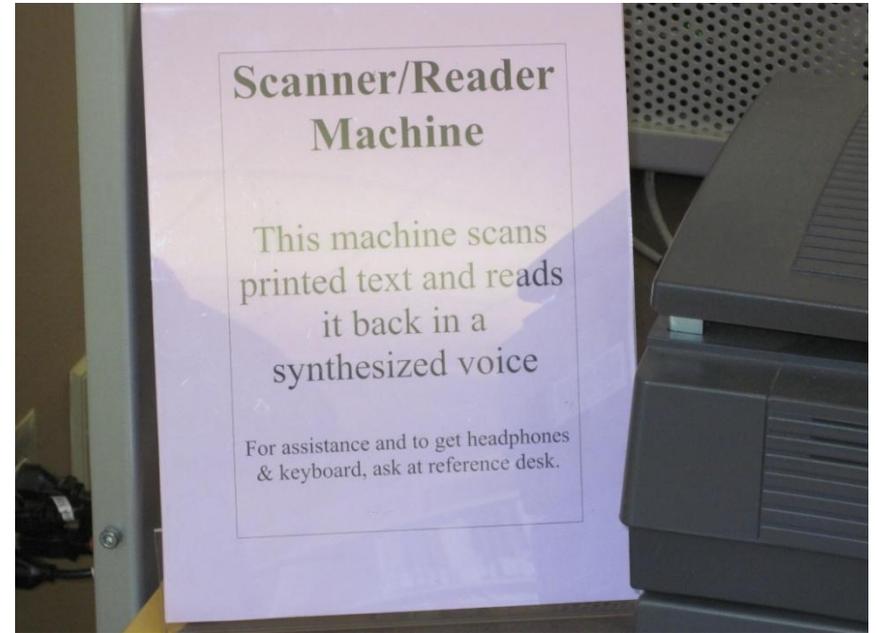
Montclair Public Library, NJ



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East Brunswick Public Library, NJ



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Some Example Upper Darby Township, PA



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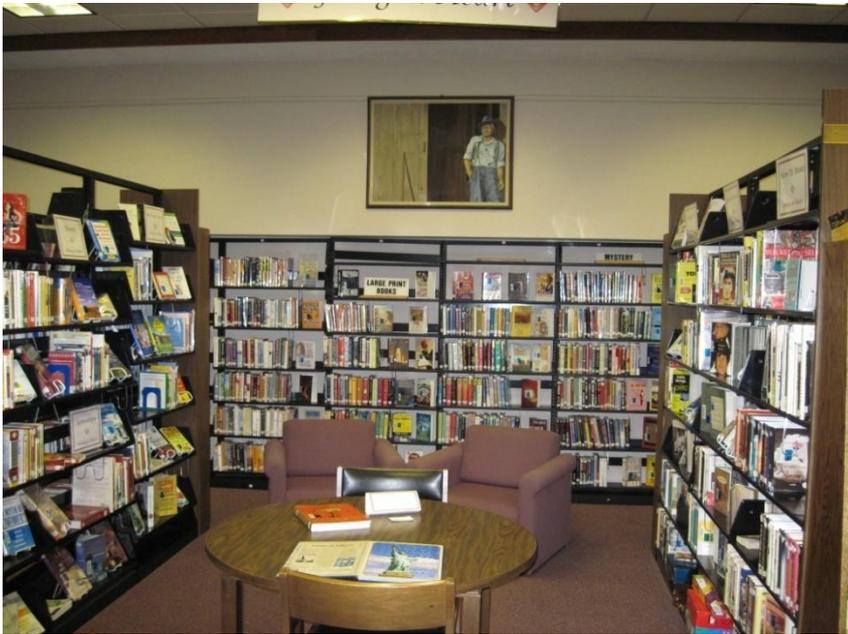
Pick up a complete schedule
of the events at the circulation desk!

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Mengle Memorial Lib, Brockway, PA



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Pula, Croatia



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Opportunity

- Listen and View “Senior Spaces” Projects
- Not only US but
- Opportunity to Create, warm, welcoming environment for older adults is possible
- Based on elements of space, design
- Use of current space with some changes and additions
- Signage, Color, Comfortable Seating, Technology, Merchandised Collection
- Put it Together with Your Own Touch and add Programming

Senior Spaces

- www.infolink.org/senior_spaces
- <http://seniorspaces.pbworks.com>
- <http://www.seniorspaces.blogspot.com/>
- (historic)
- Facebook Page (in the works)
- Google, it!
- “senior spaces” and “libraries”
- Articles, IFLA paper, Google: Allan Kleiman

Finally

- Good Luck
- Share Your Ideas
- Post Pictures
- Let me know what your doing, add it to Facebook
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