

Oklahoma History Center Social Story



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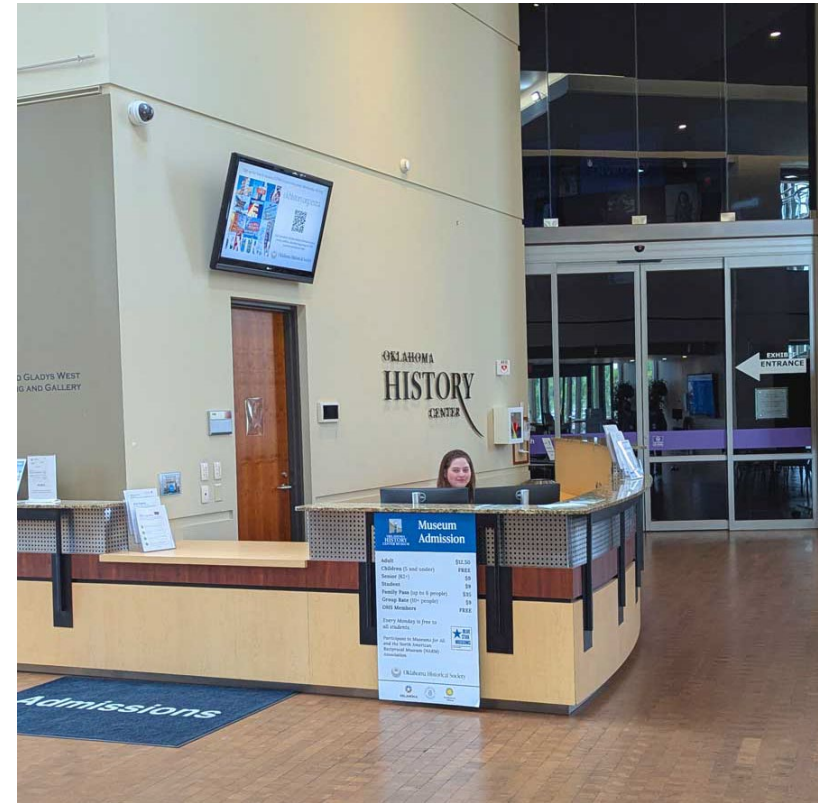
Arriving at the Oklahoma History Center

- I am going to the Oklahoma History Center today!
- As I drive in, I will see the Oil and Gas Park outdoor exhibit.
- When I see this sculpture of two Apache warriors, I will know that I am here!
- The entrance to the museum is just through those doors.



Admissions Desk

- I will purchase tickets to the museum here.
- I will receive a sticker to wear on my shirt while I am at the museum, and I may have to wait in line to buy my ticket.



Volunteers and Staff

- I might see a volunteer at the Oklahoma History Center. They wear a blue shirt and have a name tag.
- Staff wear different types of clothing, but they all have name badges. Anyone with a blue shirt or a name badge can help me.



Elevators and Stairs



- I can use the elevators, or I can take the stairs.
- Galleries are on the first and third floors.

What I can and cannot touch

- If I see a green sign, I know I can touch or play with these items. I will remember to be careful with anything I touch.
- If I see a red sign, I cannot touch the items.
- Sometimes these signs might be very close to each other.
- I will see these signs in all the galleries.



Restrooms and Signs

- Restrooms can be found at the end of every hallway on all three floors.
- I can look for signs that might help direct me to places in the museum.



The Research Center Library

- If I need a break or a quiet place, I can go to the library on the first floor.
- I can sit there until I am ready to explore more.



Inasmuch Gallery

- In the *Crossroads of Commerce* exhibit, there is a large screen. When I step through the doors, a man will appear on the screen and start talking.
- If I don't like the sounds, I can leave the gallery. There are four more large screens like this in the gallery.
- The airplane area in this gallery will let me experience the sights, sounds, and the feeling of taking off!



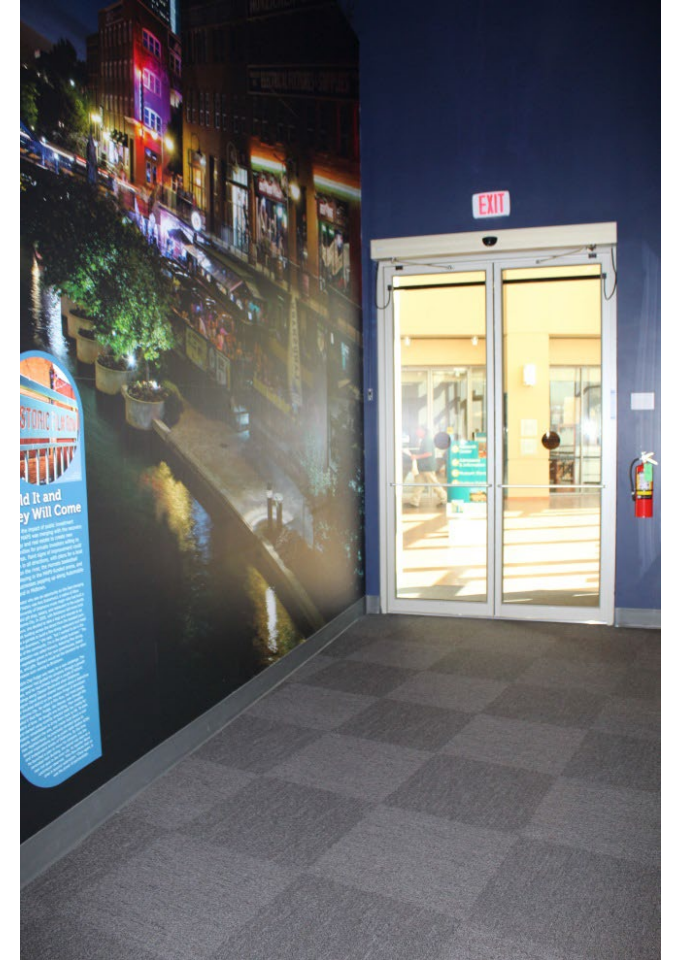
Theatre Organ Display and Sounds

- There is a display in this gallery where I can see pipes and parts of a theatre organ. I can press buttons to hear the sounds an organ makes. The sounds may be very loud.
- There will be many screens and sounds in the museum that may be very loud. I will be respectful of others when exploring these sounds.
- Noise-reducing headphones are available at the front desk if I need to not hear so many loud sounds.



Walking through the *Crossroads of Commerce* Exhibit

- I can find my way through the *Crossroads of Commerce* exhibit by looking for big colored arrows on the floor.
- This gallery has its own exit. I don't have to turn around and go out the way I came in.

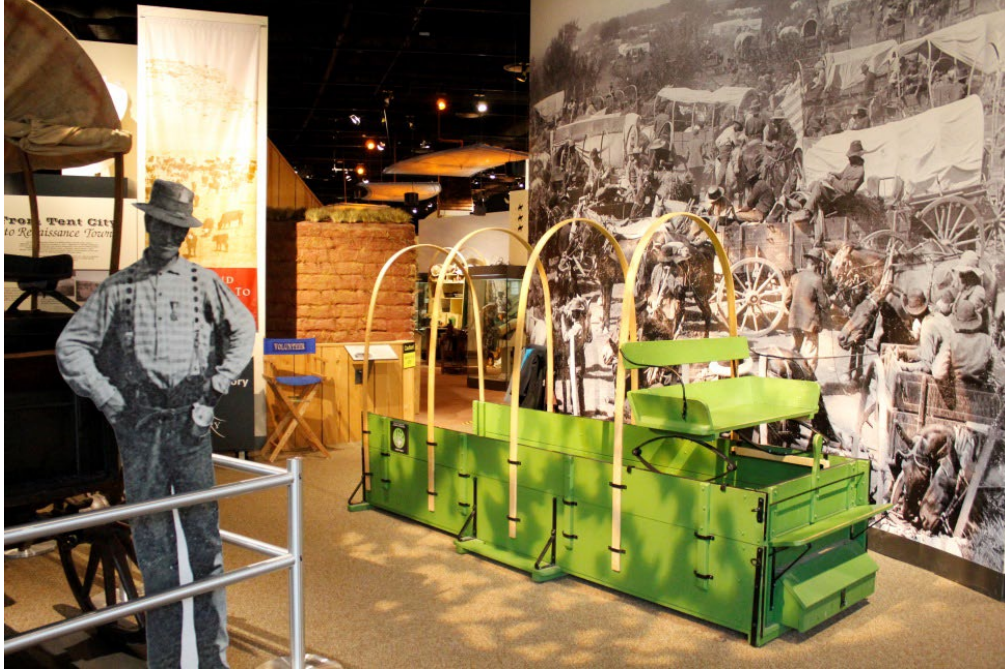


The ONEOK, Inc. Gallery

- The American Indian exhibit is on the first floor. I will start by walking straight ahead where I see “Origins.”
- I can turn right to the “Tribes” area, but that is meant to be the end of the exhibit.
- **I will be sure to look for raised or uneven floors and watch my step!**



The Sam Noble Gallery



- The Noble Gallery on the third floor has many places to explore and learn about early Oklahoma history. I will see exhibits on land runs, one-room schoolhouses, ranches, farming, law and order, and much more!
- There are places in this gallery where I can sit on a saddle and pretend to work on a chuck wagon.

Other Exhibits in the Sam Noble Gallery



- There are areas in this gallery with a raised or uneven floor. I will need to watch my step!
- In this gallery, I will also find a pink kitchen and an exhibit about the musical *Oklahoma*!
- This gallery has many paths to walk, but it's okay to choose my own way.

Kerr-McGee Gallery



- In the Kerr-McGee Gallery, I will find exhibits about the steamboat *Heroine*, oil and gas, African American history, and Oklahomans who served in the military.

Military Exhibit

- There is a fun game located in the military exhibit where I can pretend to fly a helicopter.
- If someone else is playing the game, I will wait for my turn.



Military and Oil and Gas Exhibits

- In the military exhibit, I will find something that looks like a trench (photo on the left). A trench is a deep hole in the ground where soldiers hid and fought during World War I.
- I can look through the viewfinder and see other soldiers from across the field.
- The yellow man in the oil and gas exhibit and is a smaller version of the real *Golden Driller* statue in Tulsa, Oklahoma!



Going Outside and Other Areas

I can go outside to see more exhibits or just take a walk. There are picnic areas where I can eat my lunch if the weather is nice.

There are other areas in the building that I cannot go to, such as the offices.



Museum Store

I can visit the Museum Store before I go home so that I can remember my trip to the Oklahoma History Center!

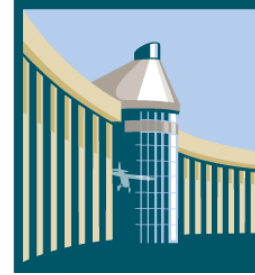


Rules to Remember

- Some important rules to remember:
 - I will stay with my adult and follow directions.
 - I will speak quietly.
 - I will not run.



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