1. In front of us is our Grand Staircase. If you sit on The Spanish Steps on the left, you’ll have access to power outlets at each level and you can be right in the center of the action. Beside the stairs is our main Questions Desk, where staff can help you with account questions.

2. To the right you will see several seating options and a selection of the Library’s newest collection offerings.

3. The full windows allow natural light to stream in from three sides of the building. Shielding from the west helps lower cooling costs.

4. Just outside, the 6 by 6 Walk is made up of six frames mounted to benches along a path in front of the library. There is one frame for each of the pre-reading skills featured in the Library’s 6 by 6 Ready to Read early literacy initiative. Each frame contains two signs, one with early literacy information for adults and one with an activity for kids.

   All landscaping is low maintenance and drought-resistant.

5. At the northeast corner, you can see Beth Nybeck’s sculpture, Inside Out. The art here is part of the County’s Public Art Program.

6. Two of our 6-person study rooms feature works of art by Stephen Lichty and Jim Woodfill installed on the rooms’ glass panels.

7. Our Kids section has books for children from birth - middle school. Our 6 by 6 activity center engages preschoolers and their caregivers in exploring 6 early literacy skills needed by age 6. The Burgeon unit is supported by the Timken Foundation. KC’s well-known Rabbit Hole also has a presence here.

8. Our dedicated storytime room will remain open to the public when not in use, maximizing available patron space.

9. Behind the scenes: The automated sorting system conveys items from one of three intakes directly to our sorter, including our 24-hour outdoor drop-off. The sorter checks items in and deposits them into one of seven bins. This helps us get items back on the shelves quickly and efficiently.

   The shared workstations are for the more than 50 staff members who will keep Monticello humming.

   The convenient drive-through window is for holds pickup. Patrons can place items on hold through our web catalogue and pick them up from the comfort of their vehicle.

10. For those on the run, holds are available right up front along with our self-check machines.

11. We have elevator access to the second floor located on the opposite side of the stairs.

12. Under the stairs we have a cozy reading nook.

13. Our 100-person Meeting Room is wired with easy-to-use A/V equipment and is open to non-profit groups at no charge.

14. On this side of the stairs, you will also see our DVD selection as well as a technology bar to charge all your personal devices and use our excellent WiFi. Audiobooks are upstairs.

R. The main restrooms are here, just past the elevator. The family restroom is located near the storytime room.
15 The elevator lets out at the top of the stairs.

16 To our left we have study seating here and along the windows. Distinctive lighting draws attention to the teen space.

17 There are more than 90,000 items in this building, with the Adult Fiction and Teen books housed is this area.

18 Additional study rooms are along the west wall, and tech spaces near the computers are configurable and intended to be used as an open study space for small groups.

19 The computer stations offer eight PCs and six Macs.

20 This level has plenty of available seating near the collection. The music CDs are in this section.

21 The Conference Room at Monticello is designed for discussions and offers an excellent view of the Terrace.

22 At the Questions Desks on this floor, staff can assist you with all of your information needs. Our Adult Nonfiction section is adjacent to quiet study areas along the wall.

Two reservable study rooms are available for meetings, study or as a place for phone calls.

23 The Rooftop Terrace features comfortable seating, Wi-Fi access, charging stations, and a green roof. The green roof not only provides a beautiful space for enjoying a good book, it provides insulation to the building and lowers heating and cooling costs.

R Individual restrooms.