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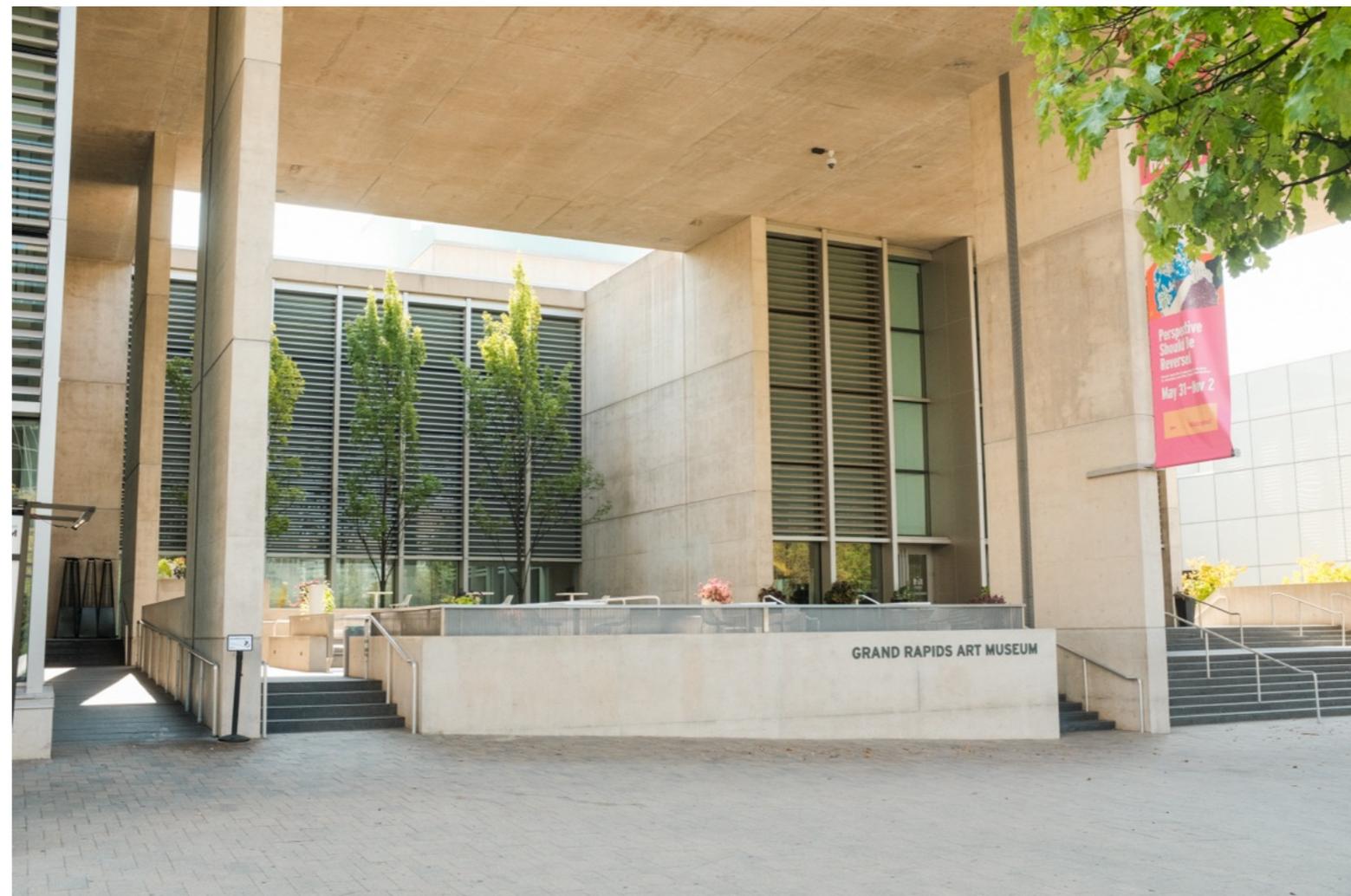
For a visit to the Grand Rapids Art Museum



Today I am going to the Grand Rapids Art Museum!



When I arrive at the museum, I can choose between two entrances. The front entrance faces Rosa Parks Circle and has a big staircase with a wheelchair ramp on the left side.



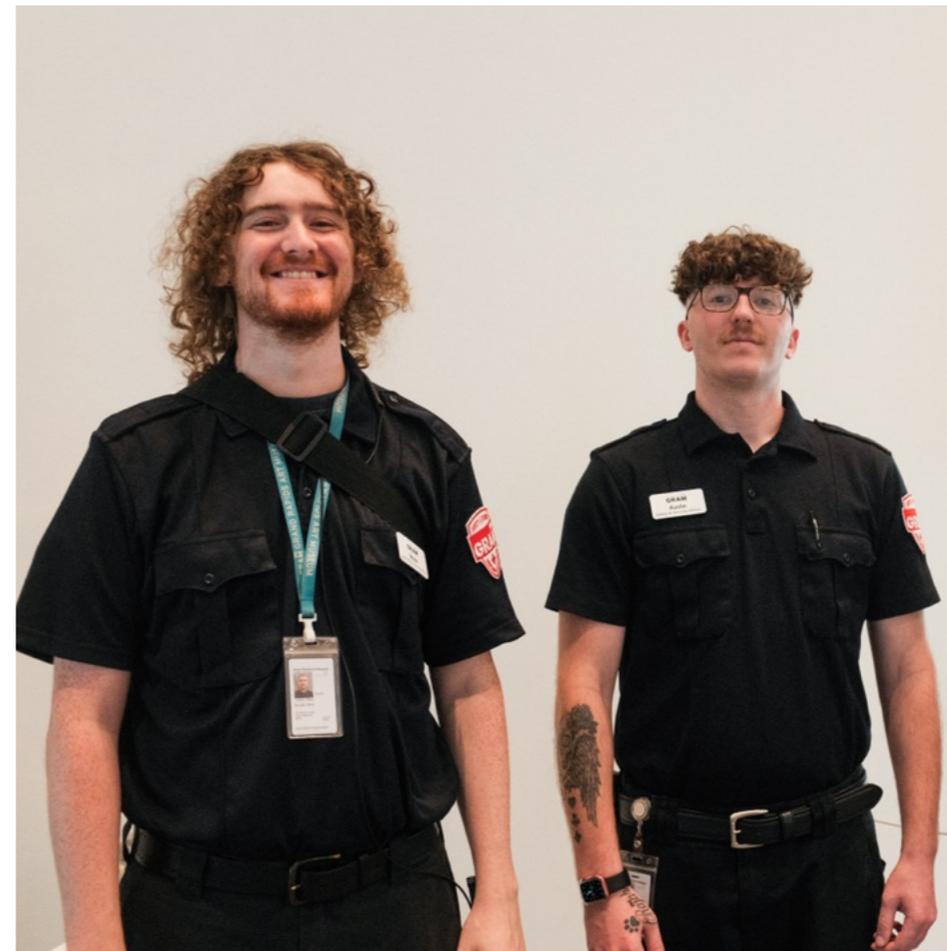
The other entrance is on Monroe Center Street. It is also wheelchair accessible, and is less busy than the front entrance.



When I am in the lobby, I will see Visitor Services Associates at the desk, and I will also see a Safety and Security Associate. All the museum staff are friendly and helpful.

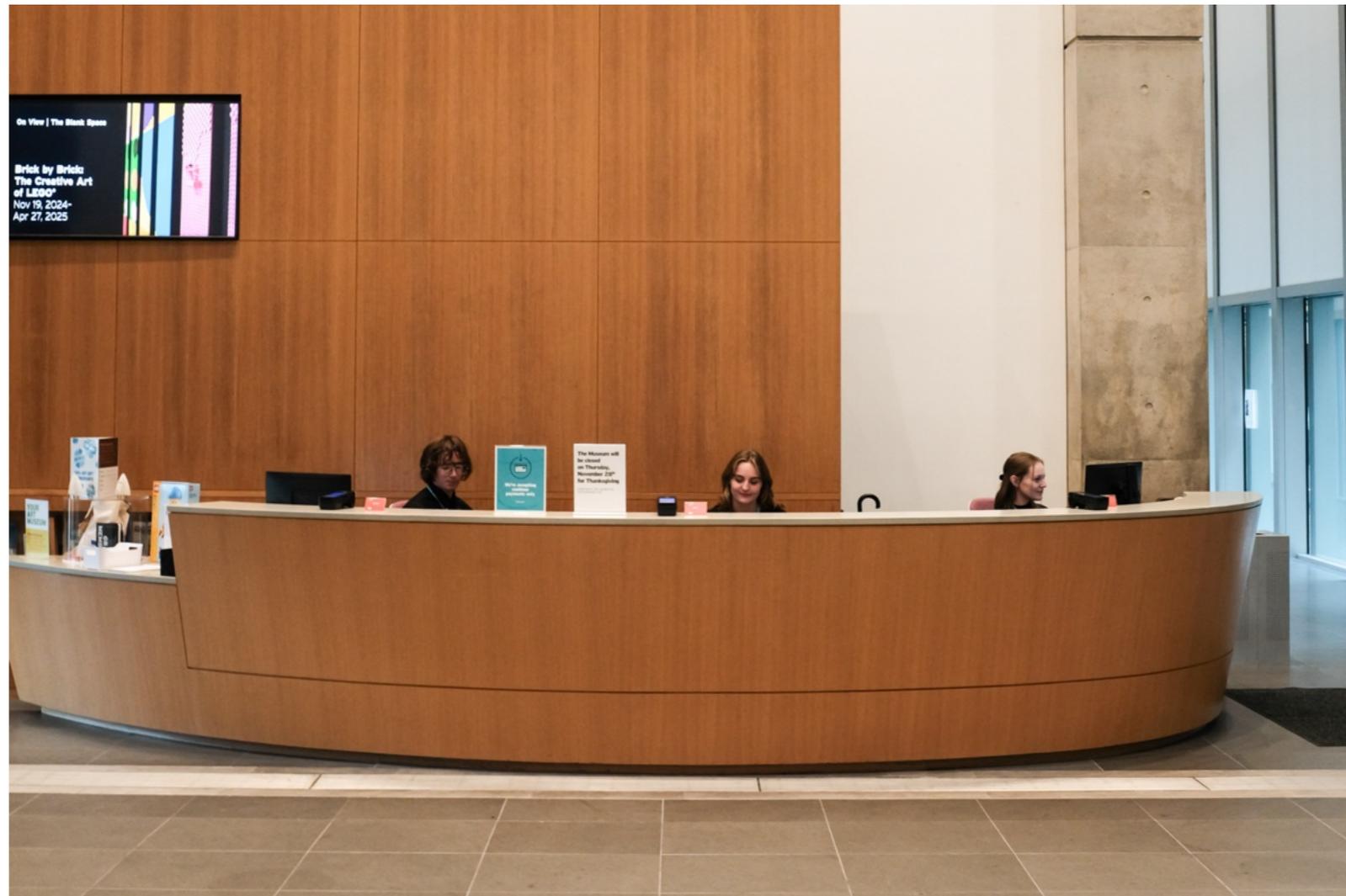


Visitor Services Associates check visitors into the museum and answer questions.

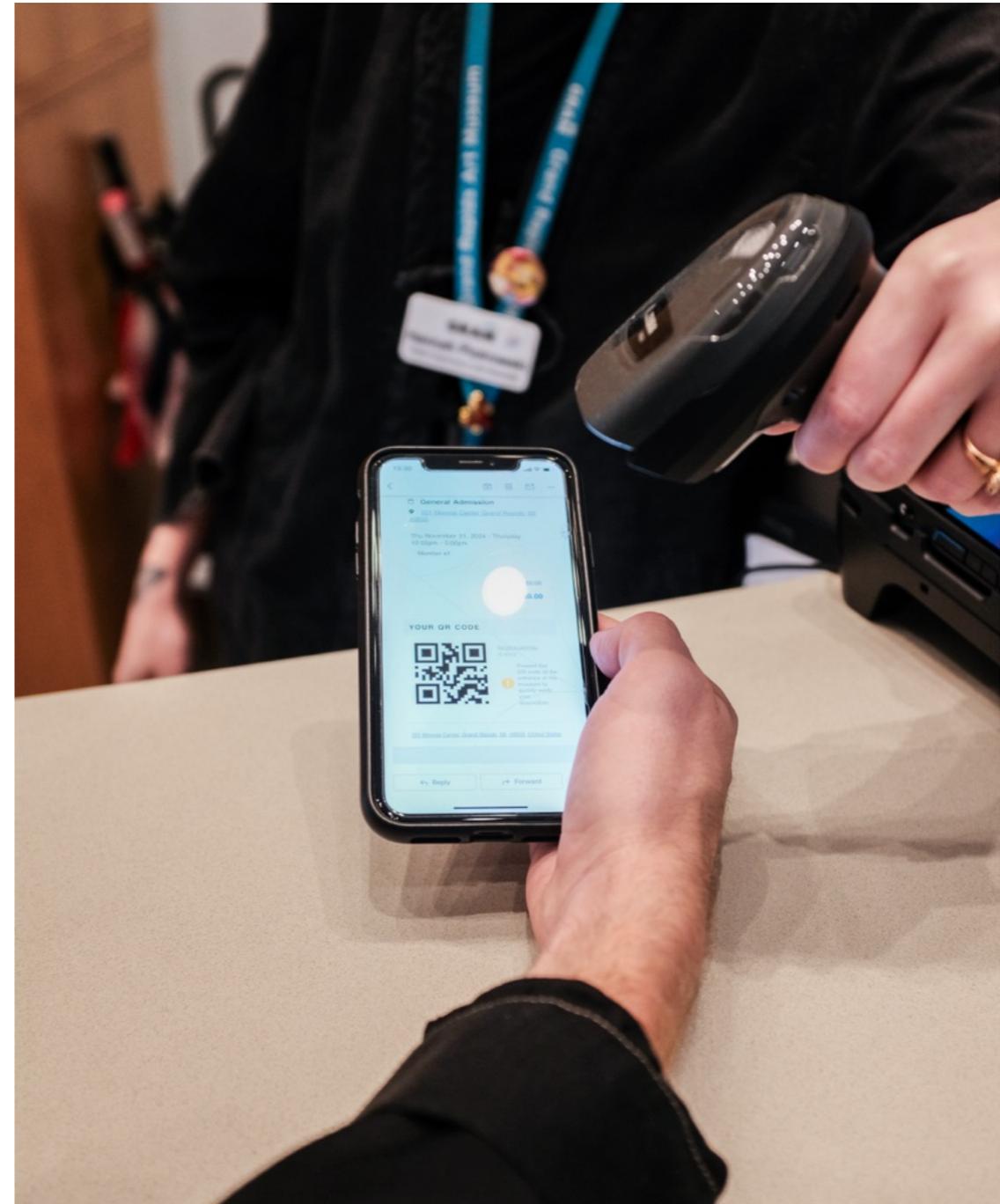


Safety and Security Associates help keep the museum and visitors safe.

The large desk in the lobby is where I will check in for my visit. If it's busy, I may need to wait in a line.



If I bought my ticket ahead of time from the GRAM website, I can show the Visitor Services Associates my digital ticket and they will scan it for me. If I don't have tickets yet, they will help me purchase one.



When I am at the front desk I can get a museum map. I can also borrow a sensory bag.



In the lobby there are lockers I can use to store my belongings during my visit. I just need to ask a Visitor Services Associate for a locker key card. I can also hang up my coat if I would like.



There are a few important rules I must follow to make sure I have a safe and fun time at the museum:

I will not bring food or drink into the galleries.

I will not touch anything unless I have permission.

I will not run around the museum.

I will be respectful of others.

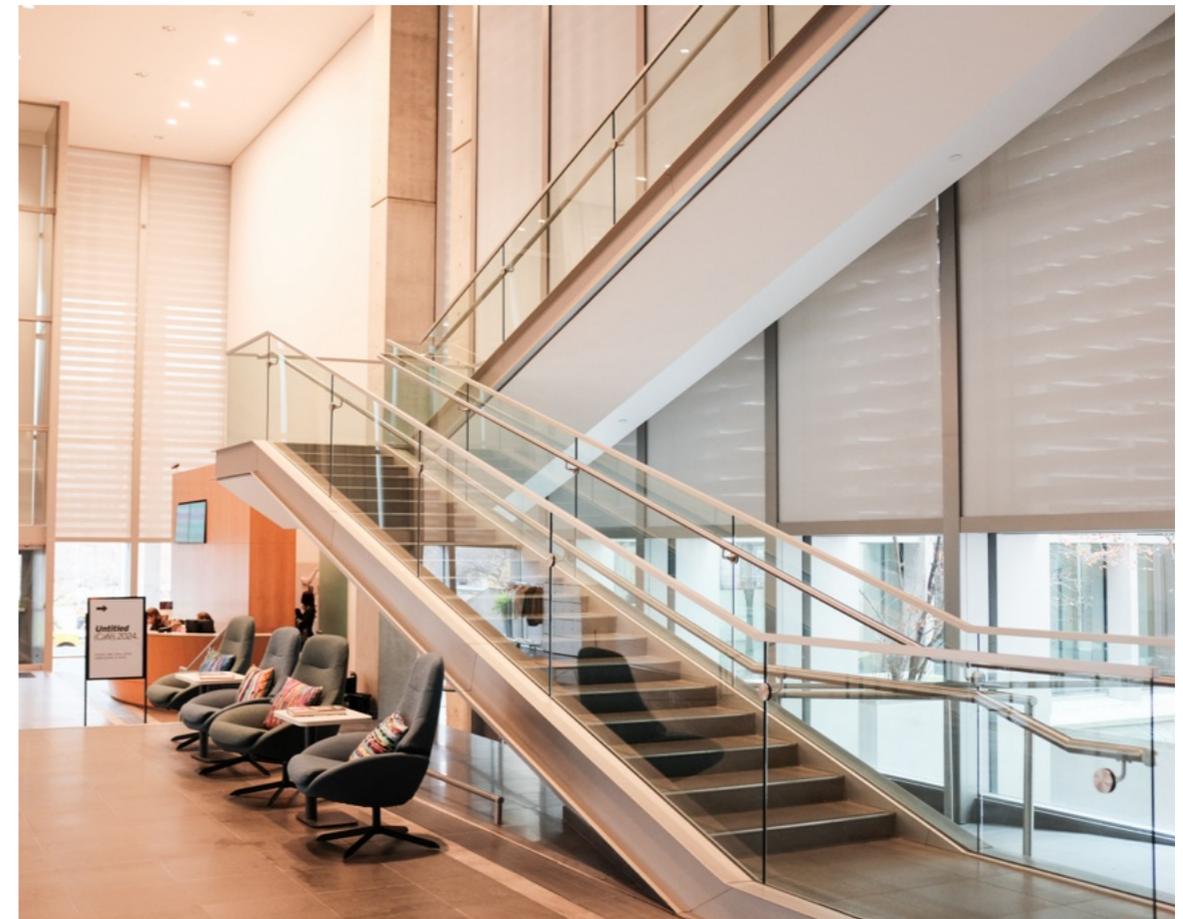
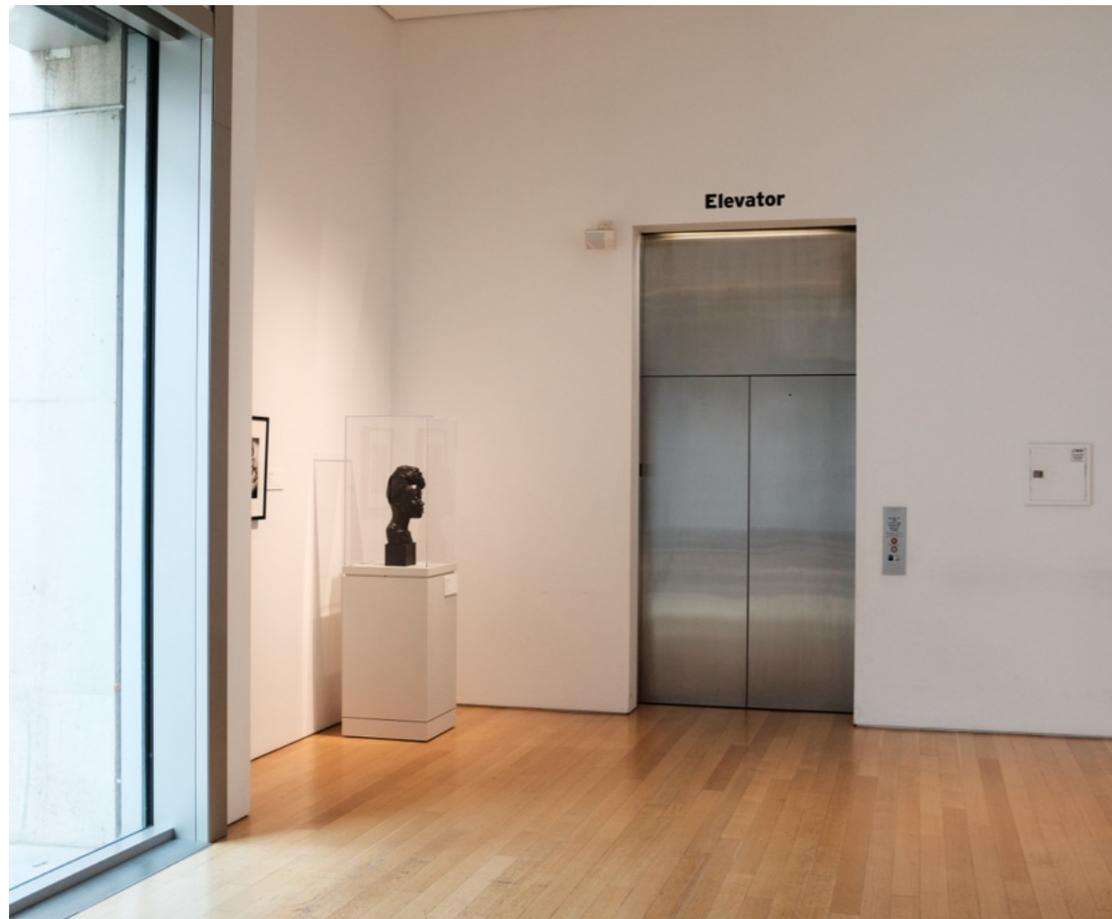


Icons by Cuan Studio (left and right) and Zach Hainsworth (center)

If I want to start my visit with play and creativity, I can go to the Discovery Gallery. It is a space where I can touch, explore, and play.



When I am ready to see the art, there are three floors that I can explore. To get to the second and third floors, I can take the big staircase in the lobby, or the elevator at the back of the first floor.



Exhibitions change often, so there is always something new for me to see. Some of the galleries will have paintings and sculptures to look at. Some of the galleries will have videos and sound playing.



While I am in the galleries, I will see Gallery Attendants dressed all in black. They help visitors and protect the art. If I have questions about the art or how to get somewhere, I can ask a Gallery Attendant.



There are many interactive activities throughout the galleries. They can be a fun way to think about art in a new way and to express my creativity.



Sometimes the galleries have a lot of people in them and can be loud. I can ask a Gallery Attendant where I can find a quieter space.



When I am ready to leave, I will go back to the lobby on the First Floor. If I hung up my coat or stored my belongings in a locker, I will collect them and return the locker key card to the front desk.



I can't wait for my next visit to the art museum!

