

General Museum Visit

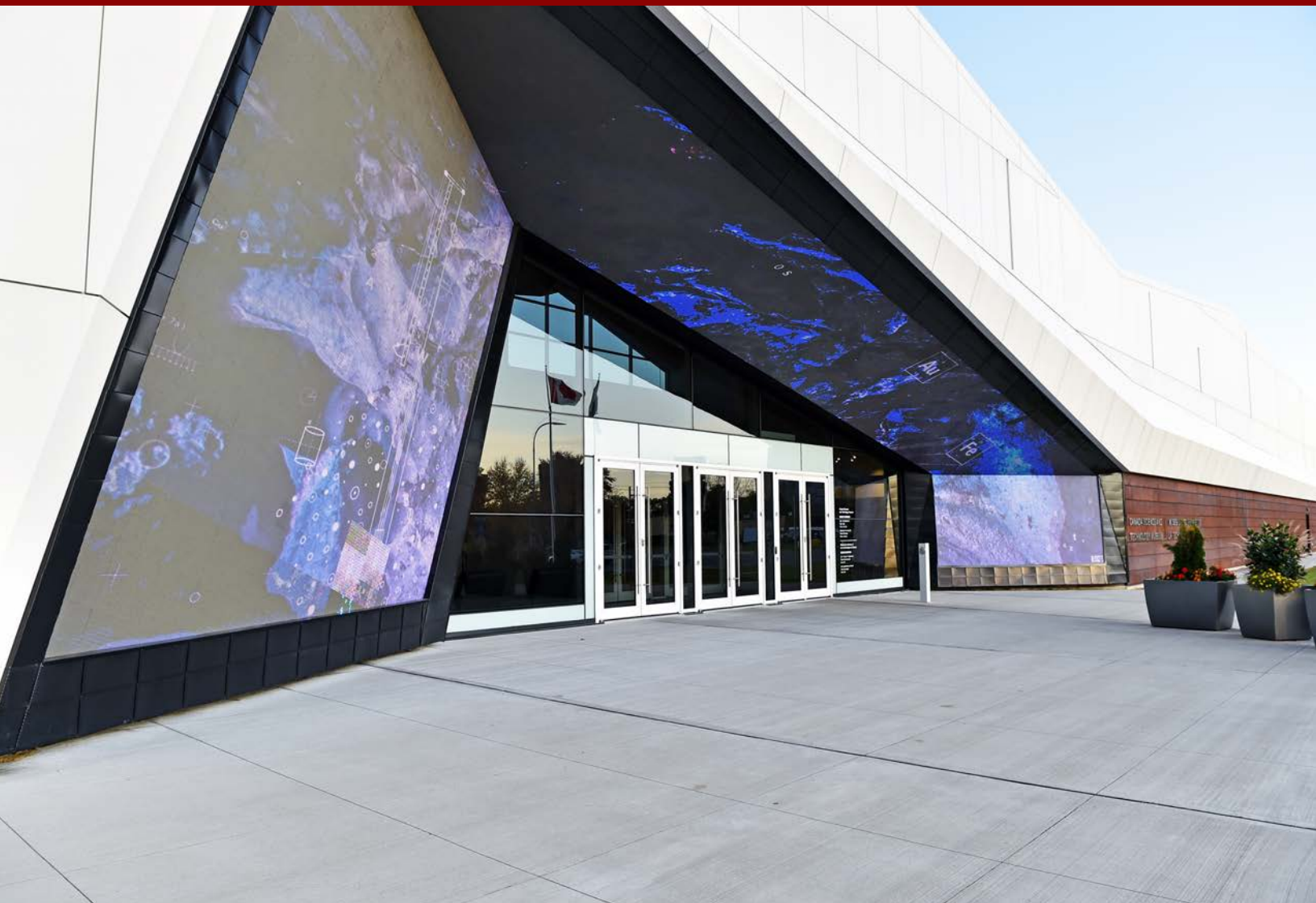
A Social Story for Families

I am going to the Canada Science and Technology Museum. There are many things to see and do inside.



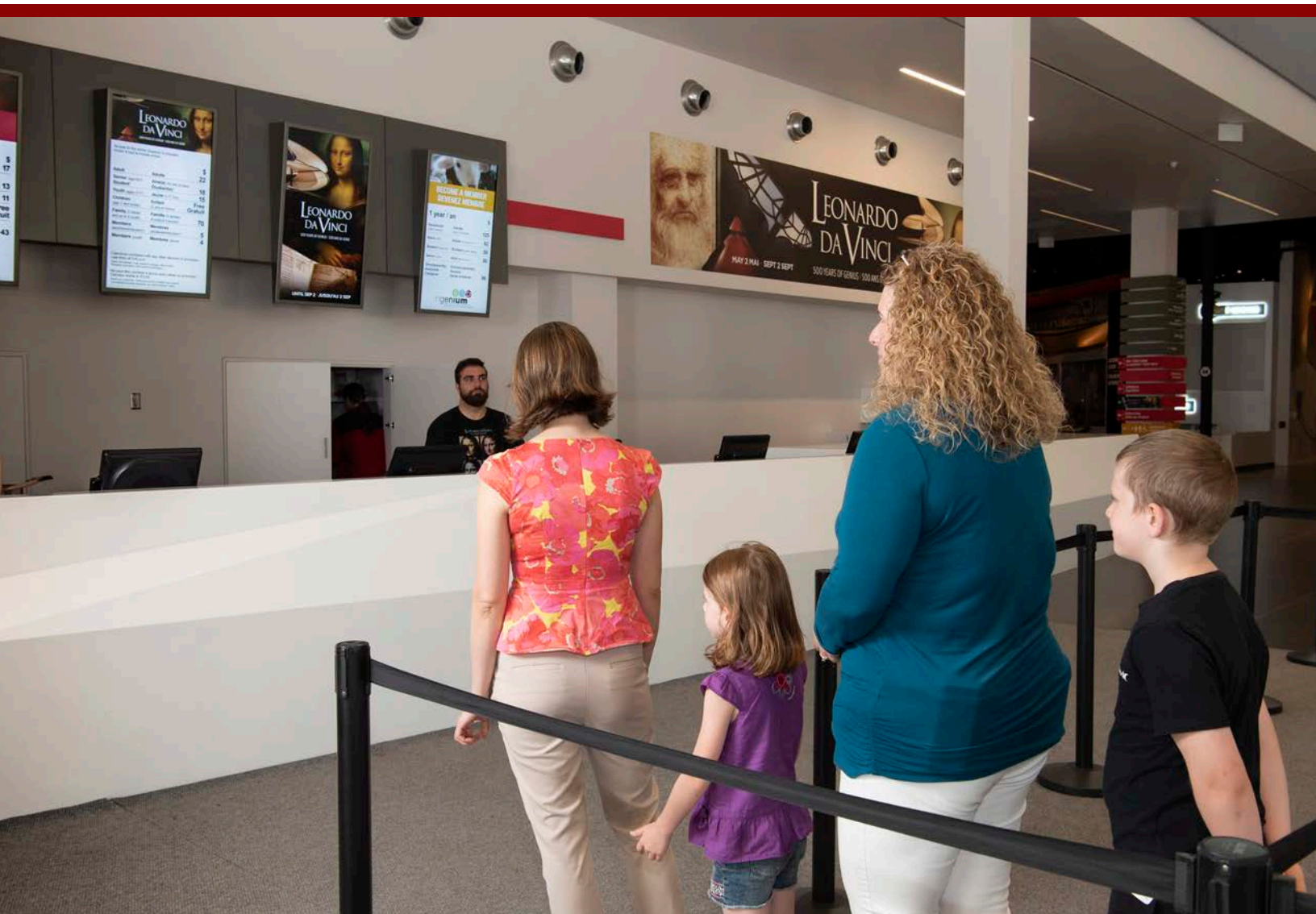
Entrance

I can enter the museum through the doors beneath the large video screen. The entrance will lead me to the admission desk. The museum staff will greet me there.



Buying Tickets

I may have to wait in line while the grown-up who came with me buys our tickets at the admission desk. This can be a loud place on busy days.



The staff at the admission desk will give us a map so we can plan where we will go and what we will see. There are many exhibitions in the museum. I might not see everything today.



Help

If I get lost or have a question, I can ask for help from a staff member wearing a red shirt with a name tag.



Museum Rules

I will stay with the grown-up who came with me.

I will walk, not run.

I might get excited in the museum. I must remember to use my inside voice.

If I get hungry or thirsty, I can ask the grown-up with me to take me to the Lounge or Café. I will eat and drink only in those places. But I can also drink water at the water fountains.



I will see many objects behind glass or barriers. These are called artifacts. I will help preserve them by using my eyes to look at them and keeping my hands to myself.



Washrooms

If I need to go to the washroom I can ask the grown-up with me to find the nearest one.



Inside the washrooms there are noisy hand dryers and flush toilets.



Other Visitors

Other children will also be at the museum. They are here to play and have fun just like me!



If someone is already using an exhibit I want to try, I will wait my turn.



Some exhibits allow for many children to play all at once. This is okay. I will share and play nicely with others.



Volume Levels

The museum can be noisy. If it gets too loud, the grown-up with me can ask at the admission desk for headphones for me.



If I need to go to a quiet space, the grown-up with me can help me find one. We can find it using the **Sensory Guide**.



Lighting

Some of the exhibits have flashing lights. I might be surprised by these light effects.



Touching

Many exhibits in the museum allow me to touch and operate things. I must use soft hands when I touch things.



Emergency Doors

I will only open a door with a sign that says Emergency Exit if the grown-up with me or staff member tells me to.



Demo Stage

At the Demo Stage, I can watch staff do special scientific demonstrations.



In some shows, fog drifts into the first few rows of the audience. This fog is not dangerous. If I am afraid of it, I can ask the grown-up with me to choose seats near the back.



During the show, I must stay in my seat unless I need to leave.



Exploratek

In the *Exploratek*, I can have fun creating and building things. This space can be loud and busy. The grown-up with me and I can ask the staff about the activity of the day. Then I can decide if I want to do it. I can leave the *Exploratek* whenever I want to.



There are lots of materials and equipment here. I must listen to the staff's instructions before I touch anything.



Seating

If I need a rest, the grown-up with me can lead me to a bench or to the Lounge or the Café.



Exit

The grown-up with me will tell me when it's time to leave the museum. I will go out through the same door I walked in.



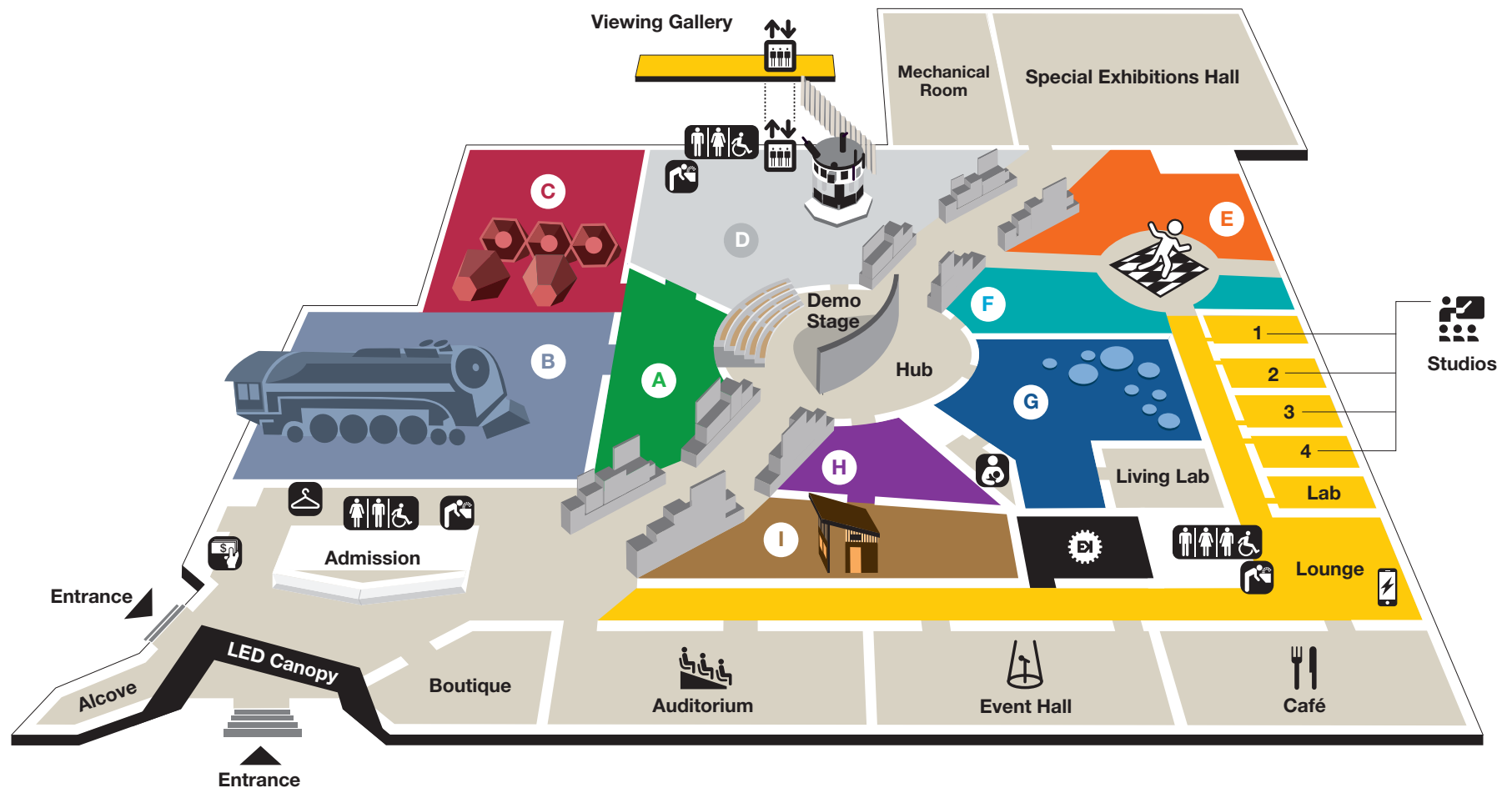
I had a great time at the Canada Science and Technology Museum! I hope to come back soon.



Sensory Breaks

Yellow spaces = Sensory breaks

Access to empty studios may be granted upon request, subject to availability.



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