Ms. Schultz's Big Idea

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Ms. Schultz, Director of the New Prague Library, sat at her desk on a quiet Tuesday morning. She looked around the library and sighed. Kids wandered in but didn't know where to start. Grown-ups wanted help but didn't know what to ask. And she wanted the library to feel open, simple, and welcoming. "I need a new way to reach people," she said. "Something clear… something friendly… something fun."

Ms. Schultz tried posters. She tried flyers. She even tried a big sign that said: "ASK US ANYTHING!" But it still wasn't enough. People needed something they could understand quickly — something that explained how to use the library step by step. "If only I had a simple little book," she said, "Something that kids AND adults could use. Something visual. Something easy to print." She tapped her pencil. And then— an idea sparkled in her mind.

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"I know!" she said. "I'll use Google Gemini Storybook!" With a smile, she opened her laptop and typed: "Create a storybook that explains how our library works." She imagined a colorful guide that any child, teen, or adult could follow. A book that showed the Welcome Desk… the computers… the printers… the bookshelves… and even how to look things up. "This is it," she said. "My storybook will be the perfect guide." And she began building it.

Hello! I'm Ms. Schultz. Welcome to the New Prague Library! This building is part of the Scott County Library system — a team of libraries that work together to help everyone learn, read, and explore. If you ever feel unsure, that's okay. This place is built for curious people who have questions. Let's take a walk together.

When you walk in, the Welcome Desk is your starting point. Here, staff can help you: • Get a library card • Find a book • Learn how to print • Log into a computer • Understand where things are. You never have to figure things out alone — just ask, "Can you help me find…?" and someone will walk with you.

Books live in different areas of the library. Kids' books are together. Teen books are near the computers. Grown-up books are on the taller shelves. To find a book: 1. Ask a staff member, OR 2. Look it up on the catalog computer, OR 3. Follow the shelf labels. The Dewey Decimal System is just a way to group topics. You don't need to memorize numbers — just ask for the topic you want, like "animals" or "cooking."

Computers are for everyone. You can: • Do homework • Look up books • Check email • Apply for jobs • Print important papers. If logging in feels tricky, just say, "Can someone help me get started?" A staff member will come and walk you through it.

Printer station

Clear Printouts

Safety Printer

Need to print something? Here's how: 1. Use any computer. 2. Press "Print." 3. Choose black-and-white or color. 4. Pick up your papers at the printer near the desk. 5. Ask for help if it doesn't show up — it happens to everyone! The staff can also show you how to scan or copy. You never have to guess.

The library isn't just books — it's a place to gather. You can join: • Storytime • Teen activities • Classes • Community groups • Quiet study. If you want to use a meeting room, just ask at the desk. The staff will check the schedule and help you sign up.

And that's our library. A place to learn. A place to explore. A place to feel supported. Ms. Schultz made this storybook so everyone — kids, teens, and adults — could walk in and feel confident. If you need help, just ask. We're here to walk with you.