My visit to MuseumLab

A social story for visitors

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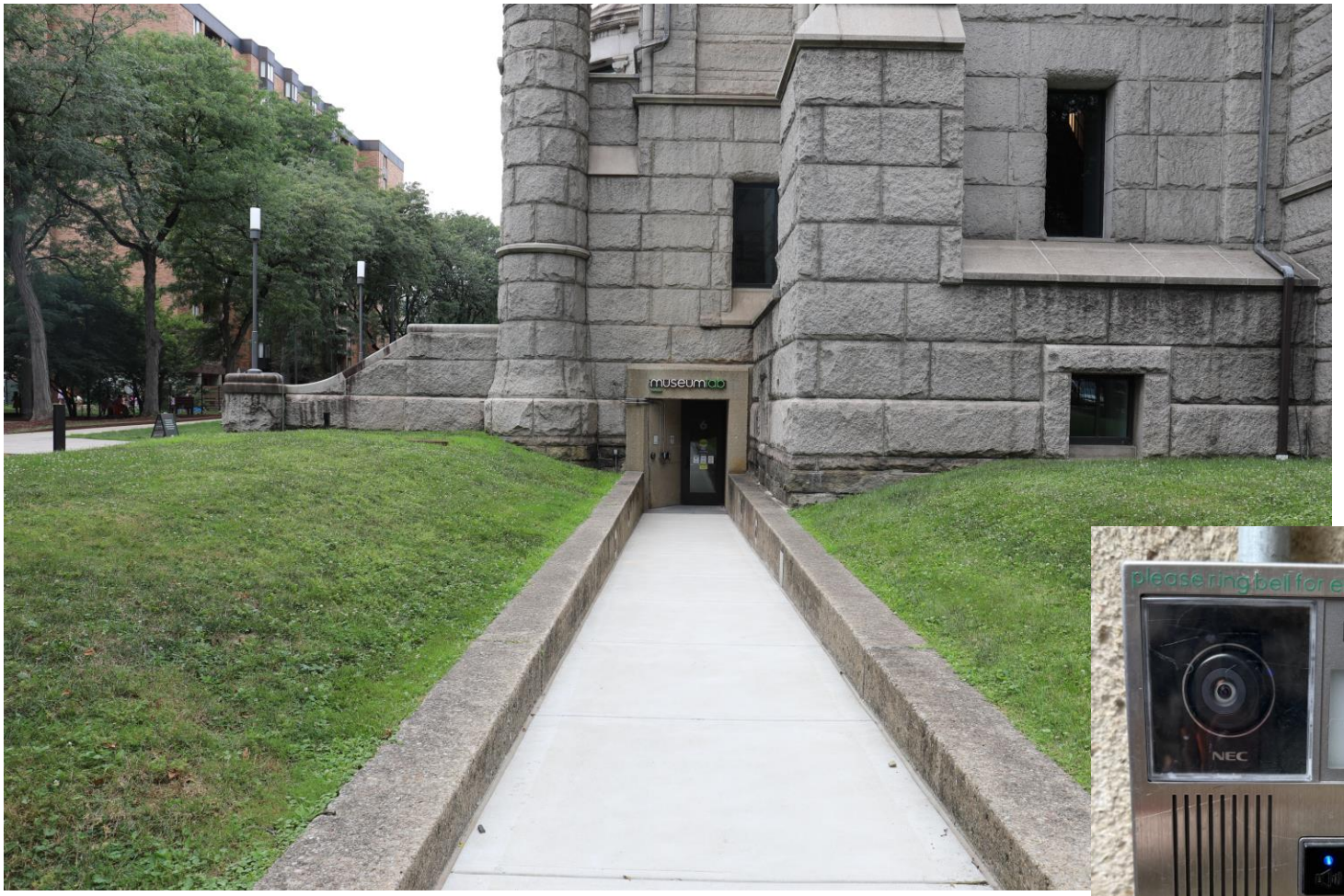
Welcome to MuseumLab!

Main Entrance



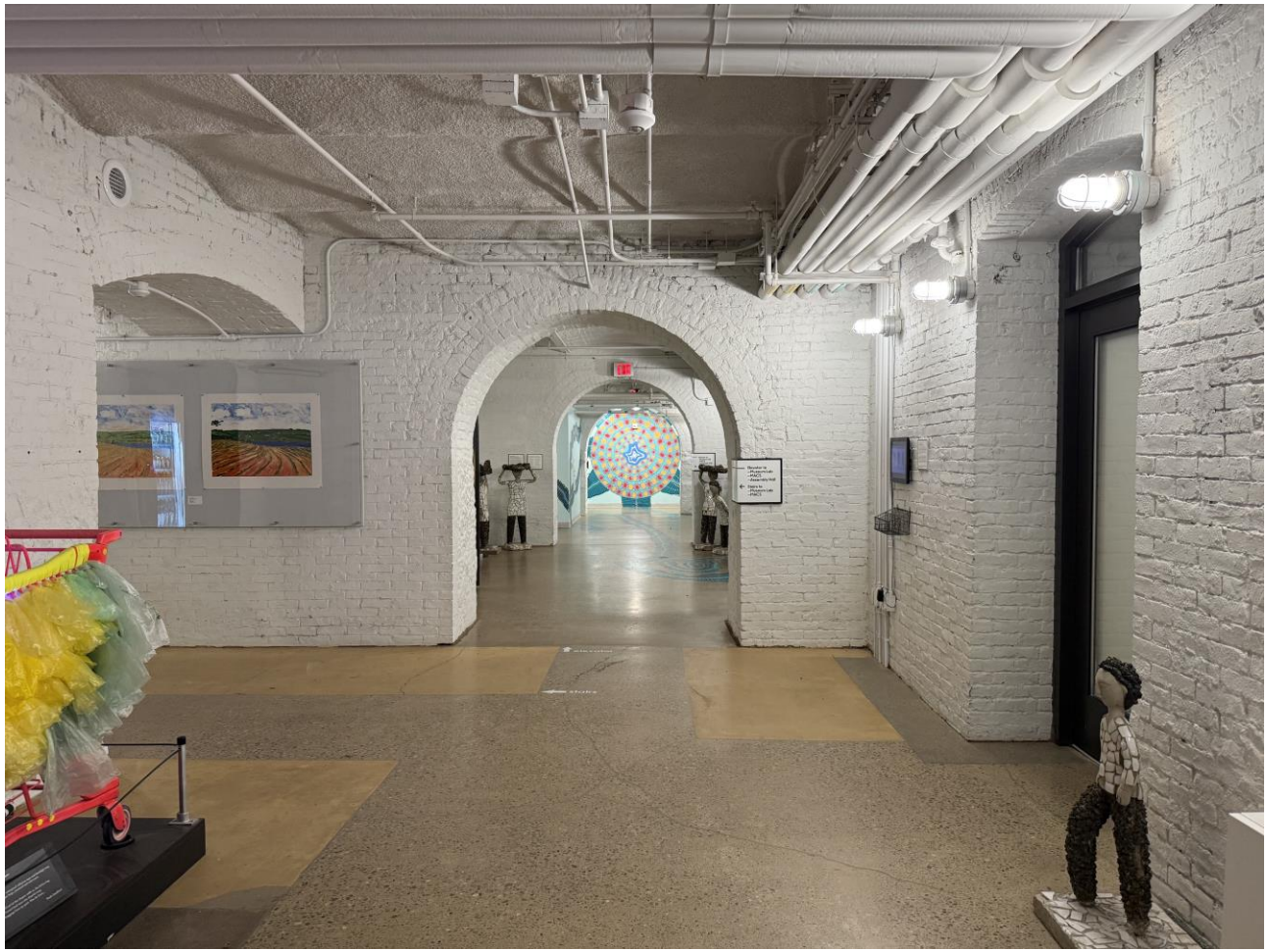
This is what the front of the building looks like. I can enter the building using the stairs or ramp to the left. There is another accessible entrance on the right side of the building.

Accessible Entrance



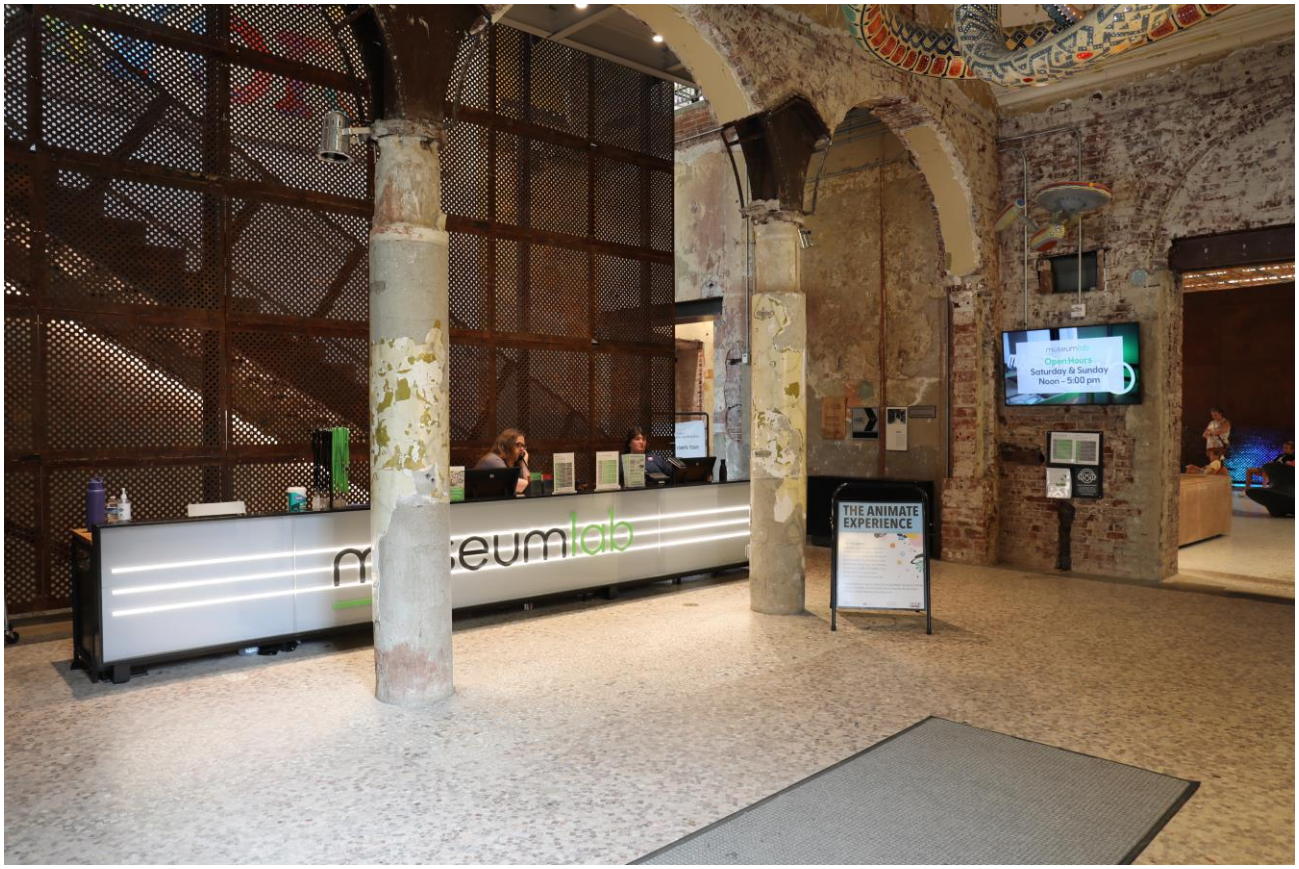
If I use this entrance, I will need to use the buzzer to have the door unlocked.

Accessible Entrance



Once I enter, I will go straight towards the colorful mural to reach an elevator and take it to the first floor.

Admission Desk



I will check in at the admissions desk with a staff member wearing a "hi" shirt.

Here I can purchase admission to a special workshop or a Gymlacium tour.

In the corner of the lobby there is a talking map that I can explore. When I touch the screen, the map tells me information about the places in MuseumLab and things I can do there.

Sensory Kits

At the Front Desk, I can ask to borrow a Sensory Kit filled with items I can use during my visit to help me feel comfortable. I will return the Sensory Kit before I leave.



FIDGETS can be used as a tool to help individuals with sensory processing disorders feel calm and help them focus their attention.



NOISE CANCELLING HEADPHONES are a great tool to help reduce background noise which in turn can help with concentration and reducing anxiety.



Wearing **SUNGLASSES** reduces bright and flashing lights that might cause sensory overload.



Using a **TIMER** provides clear and predictable cues about time and transitions. A manual timer rather than a timer on a phone or tablet will reduce distraction from other applications and notifications.



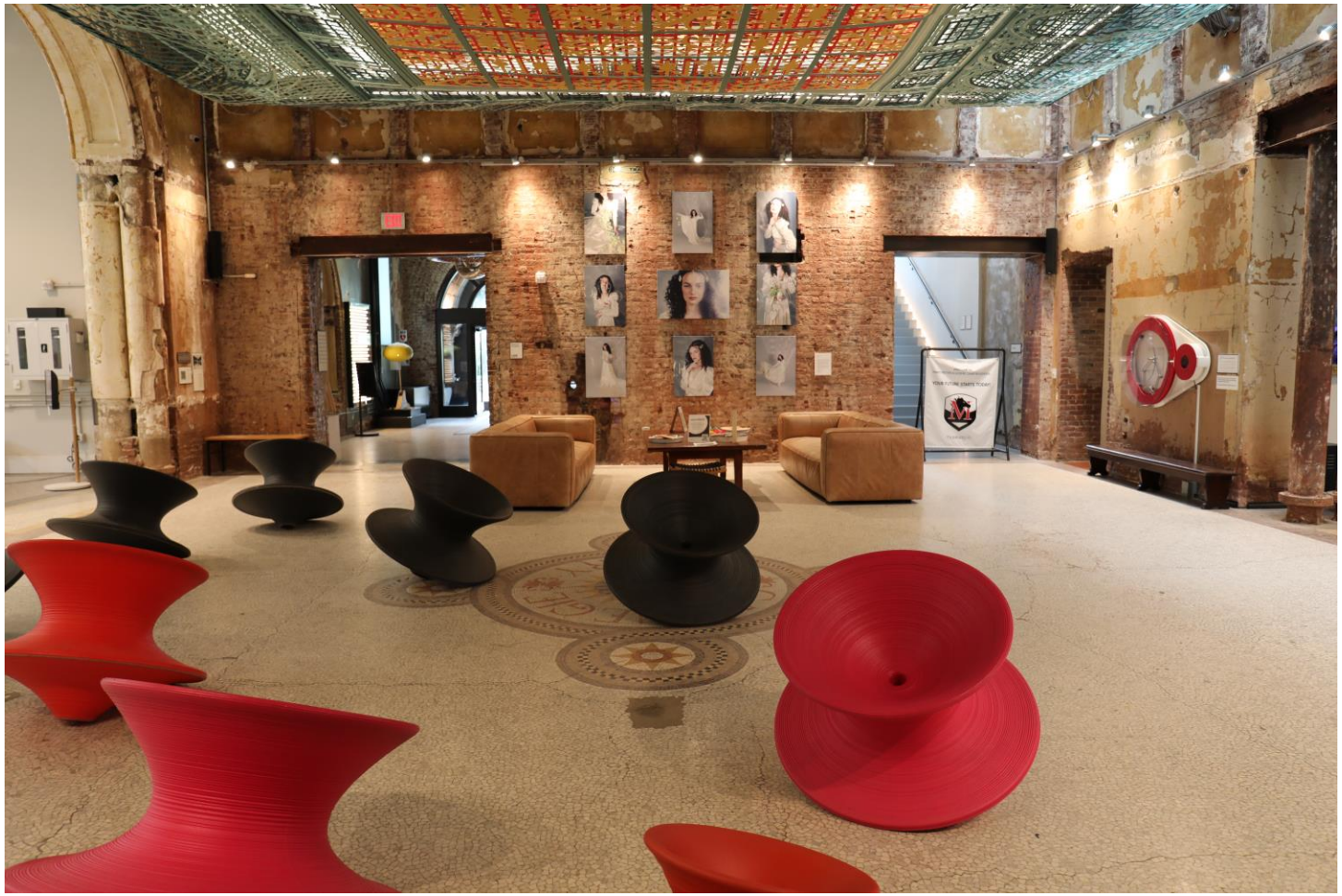
A FIRST AID KIT allows for quick response to minor injuries which can help with calmness.

Staff Person



If I need help during my visit, I can speak to a staff member who is wearing a "hi" shirt and nametag.

Grable Gallery



In Grable Gallery, I will see couches that I can sit on, chairs I can spin in and a piano that I can play. The music created using the piano can be loud. Sometimes there are performances like music or dance in Grable Gallery.

Studio Lab



Each time I visit Studio Lab it may look different because the exhibits in this space change throughout the year. Some of the exhibit pieces move or make sounds.

Tech Lab



This is Tech Lab. Here I can build with LEGO bricks or try out an activity, such as fabric draping or sculpting.

Make Lab



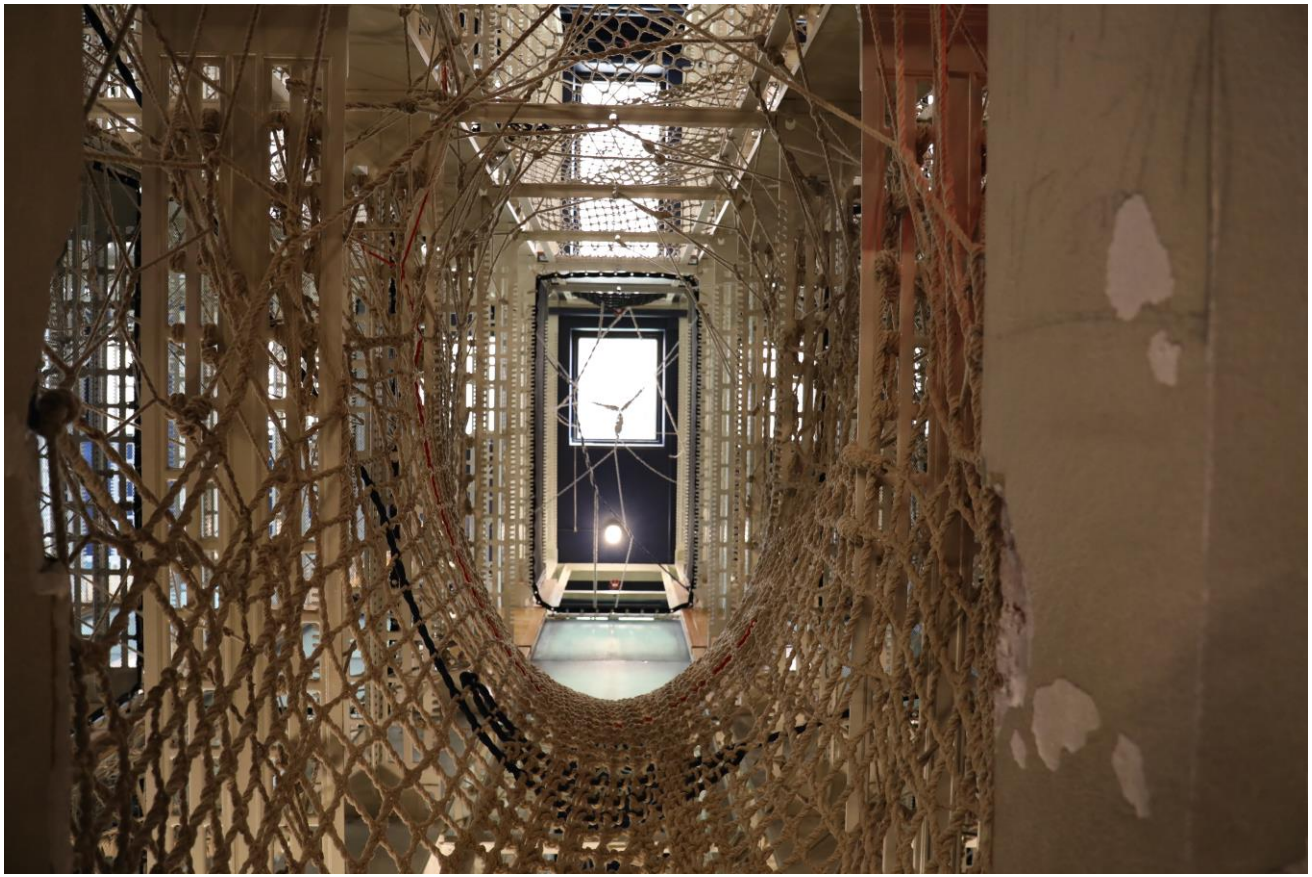
If I purchase admission to a workshop, I will go to Make Lab to participate. In these workshops, I might try metalworking or woodworking. A staff member will be there to guide me. Some projects in this space may require safety goggles and can be loud.

Restrooms



Near Make Lab I will find restrooms and water fountains. The restroom on the right has an adult changing table.

Gymlacium



Gymlacium is a three-story rope sculpture. It has uneven surfaces, narrow passages and spaces that I can only reach by climbing and crawling. I will need to remove my shoes and empty my pockets before entering. A staff member will explain the rules to me.

There is an accessible entrance on the ground floor that I can ask a staff member to use.

Gathering Space



On the second floor is the Gathering Space. During the school year, Manchester Academic Charter School uses this area.

Assembly Hall



If I make my way to the third floor, I will find Assembly Hall. This is a large room with tall windows where the Museum holds private events and special programs.

See You Soon!

If I am here close to closing time, I will hear announcements reminding visitors how long it is until closing. The Museum closes at 5:00 PM, so that the staff people can go home to their families and friends.

Thank you for visiting!