

Library Visit

“The original purpose of a public library was to acquire books and then lend those books out to the community to improve literacy, share knowledge and provide education and entertainment” (publiclibraries.com). This week’s assignment included a personal visit to a local library. Although it has been at least 20 years since my last visit to a library, I was eager to complete this assignment and visit a building that provides educational resources and support for my community.

On the afternoon of June 8, 2019, I visited the Germantown Public Library. The environment was comfortable and peaceful. No one questioned or approached me while entering. While walking throughout the library, I noticed that talking was at a minimum. The majority of the visitors appeared to be high school or college aged students. However, I also saw a few mature adults and a few young children with their parents. The multi-cultured visitors were engaged in active study or reading.

My library visit was enjoyable and informative. I decided to go to the section where books were housed under The Great Depression and Presidential History, and discovered a book entitled *The Promise/President Obama, Year One*, written by Jonathan Alter-Author of the *Defining Moment: FDR’s Hundred Days and the Triumph of Hope*. In his book, he describes how Barack Obama’s inauguration as president on January 20, 2009, inspired the world.