



SENSORY STORYTIME: Frequently Asked Questions

Please call 604-331-3657 for information or to register for Sensory Storytime

What is Sensory Storytime?

Sensory Storytimes are small-group programs designed to create a welcoming environment for children who may not yet thrive in traditional library storytime settings. They provide early literacy experiences for children who have developmental disabilities, atypical sensory processing and/or other conditions.

Who should sign up for Sensory Storytime?

Sensory Storytime is open to all children, but is especially helpful for children who experience challenges being in a group setting, including those who have developmental delays, disabilities, sensitivities, are on the Autism spectrum and/or have other conditions. If a child didn't have a successful experience attending a regular library storytime program and/or has a parent who is concerned that their child will be disruptive during a program, Sensory Storytime might be a good program to try.

What ages of children can take part in Sensory Storytime?

The program is designed for children ages 3 to 6, along with their parents/caregivers.

Why do children have to register?

Registration allows us to keep the group size fairly small. The maximum number of registrants is 15. Siblings are allowed to attend. This is a FREE program.

What happens during a Sensory Storytime?

The storytimes themselves are very structured, to provide maximum comfort and learning. The group will sing the same songs in the same order at every Sensory Storytime. A new book will be introduced each week. There will be sensory toys available and a sensory activity at each program. There will be time for families to talk and play together in the program room following storytime. Registered families may wish to share the social story about what happens at Sensory Storytime together prior to attending the first program. Please call **604-331-3657** to receive an electronic or print copy of the social story free of charge.

Who leads Sensory Storytime? Are they qualified therapists?

The storytime will be lead by experienced Children's Librarians. They are not therapists or health professionals. Their specialty is providing early literacy experiences through storytelling, books, songs, rhymes, and literacy play. This program aims to ensure that all children are able to experience the magic of group storytime and feel welcomed and included. Storytime is an excellent setting for social and emotional development and learning to take place.

What happens if Sensory Storytime is full?

If all spots in Sensory Storytime are filled, your family will be put on a waiting list.

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