

Creating More Welcoming and Accessible Library Experiences for Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder



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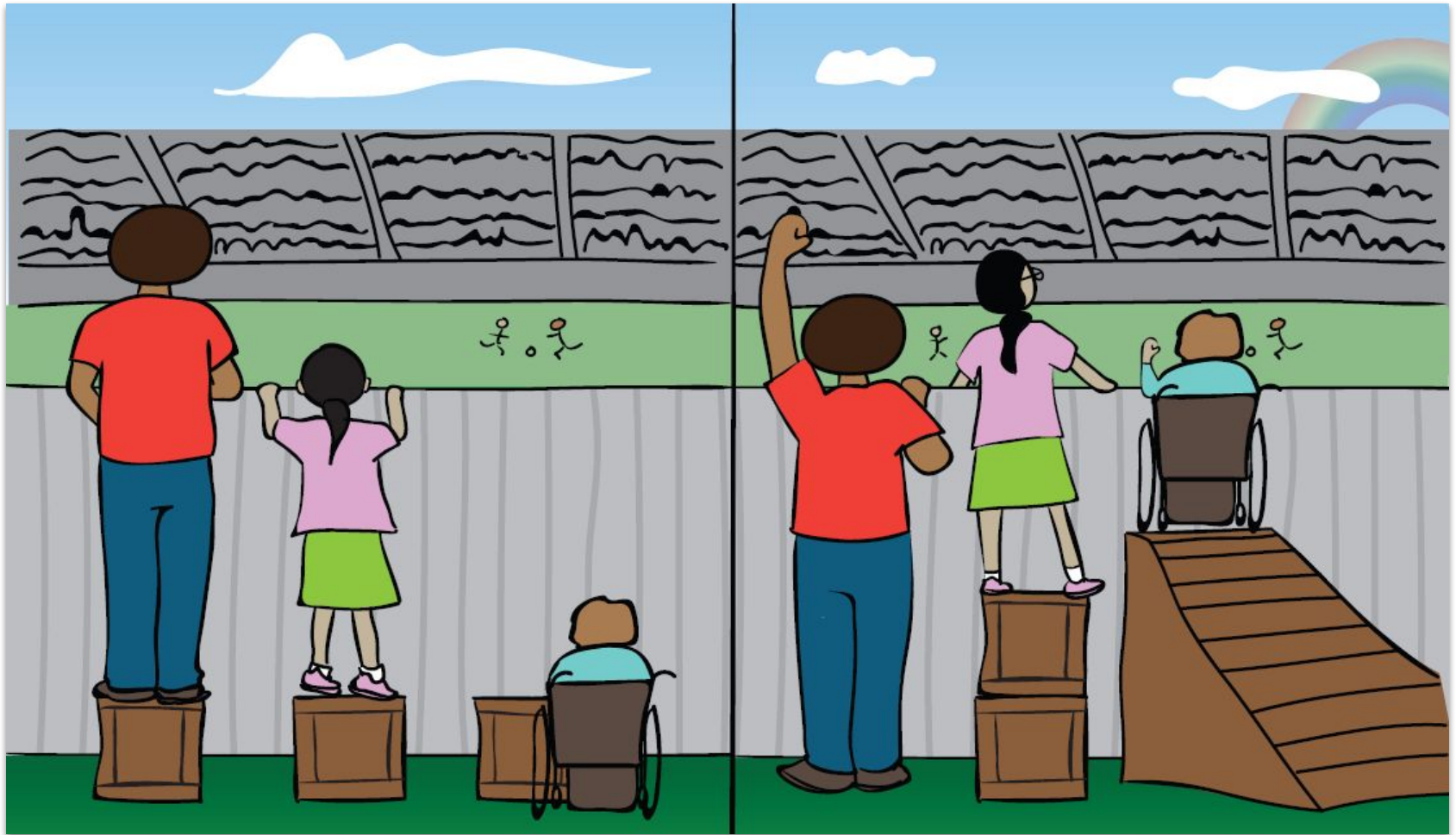
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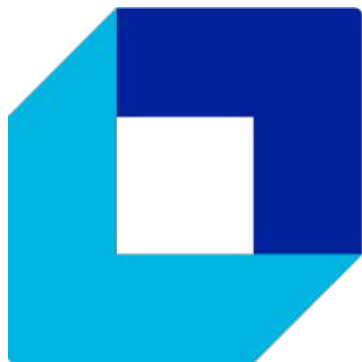


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What is Sensory-Friendly?



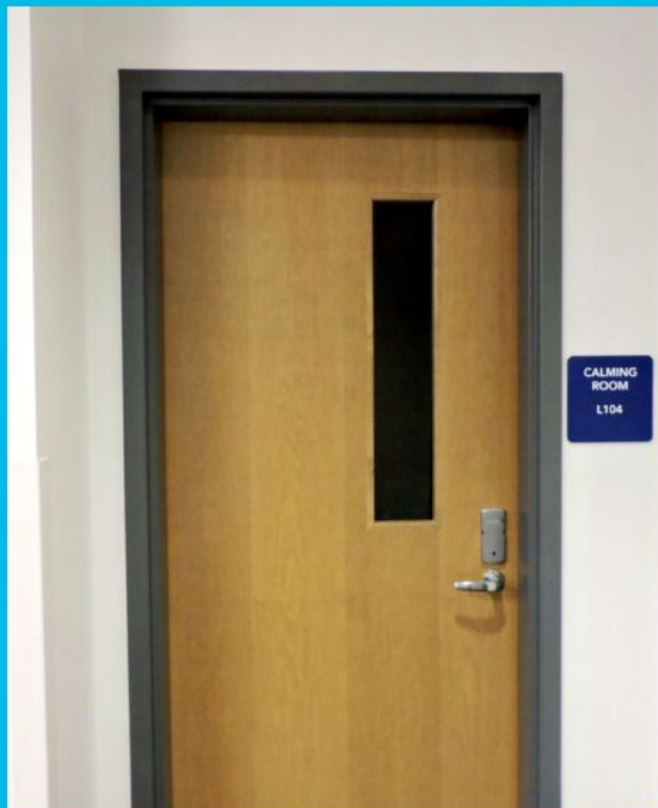
- An environment that addresses a variety of auditory, visual and olfactory stimulation
- Offers visual supports to make the environment more predictable
- Addresses challenges with transitions and communication differences
- Explains guidelines for behavior
- Cultivates an atmosphere of inclusion and understanding where all abilities are intentionally welcomed and supported

Spaces & Environments

Tools & Supports

Programs & Outreach

Spaces & Environments



Calming Space Social Narrative

A social narrative
for using the
Galaxie Library
Calming Space



Auditory Supports

Communication Supports

Interoceptive Supports

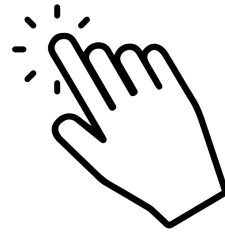
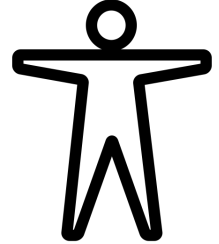
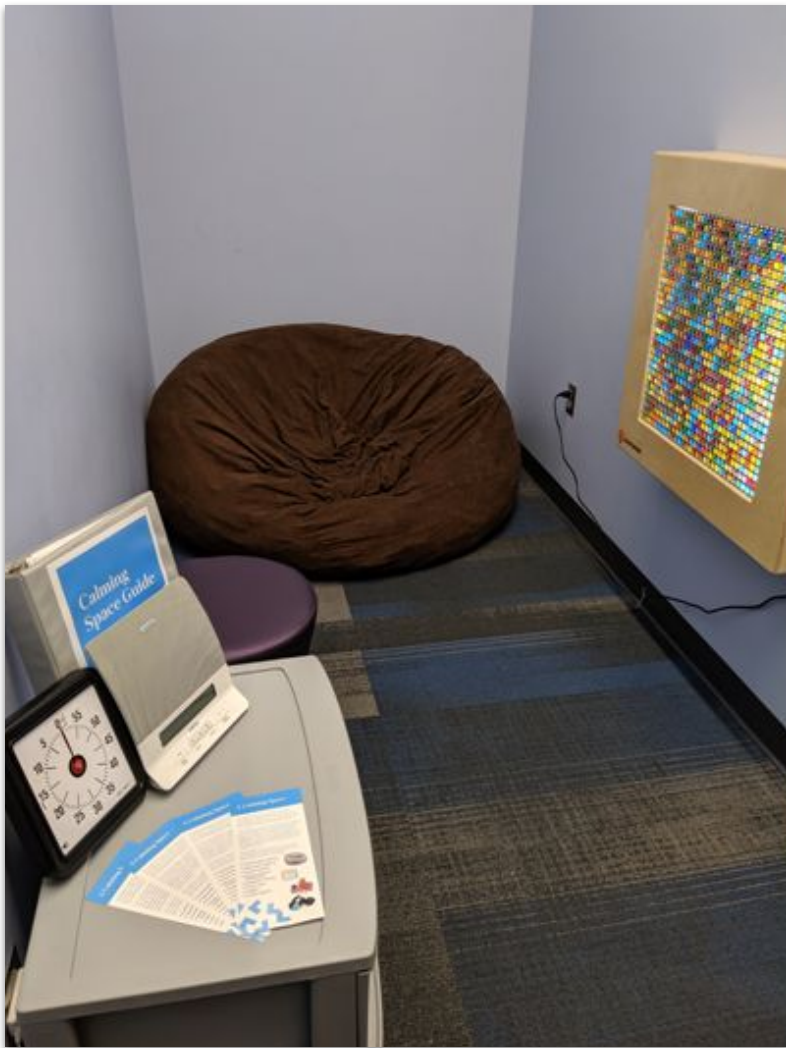
Proprioceptive Supports

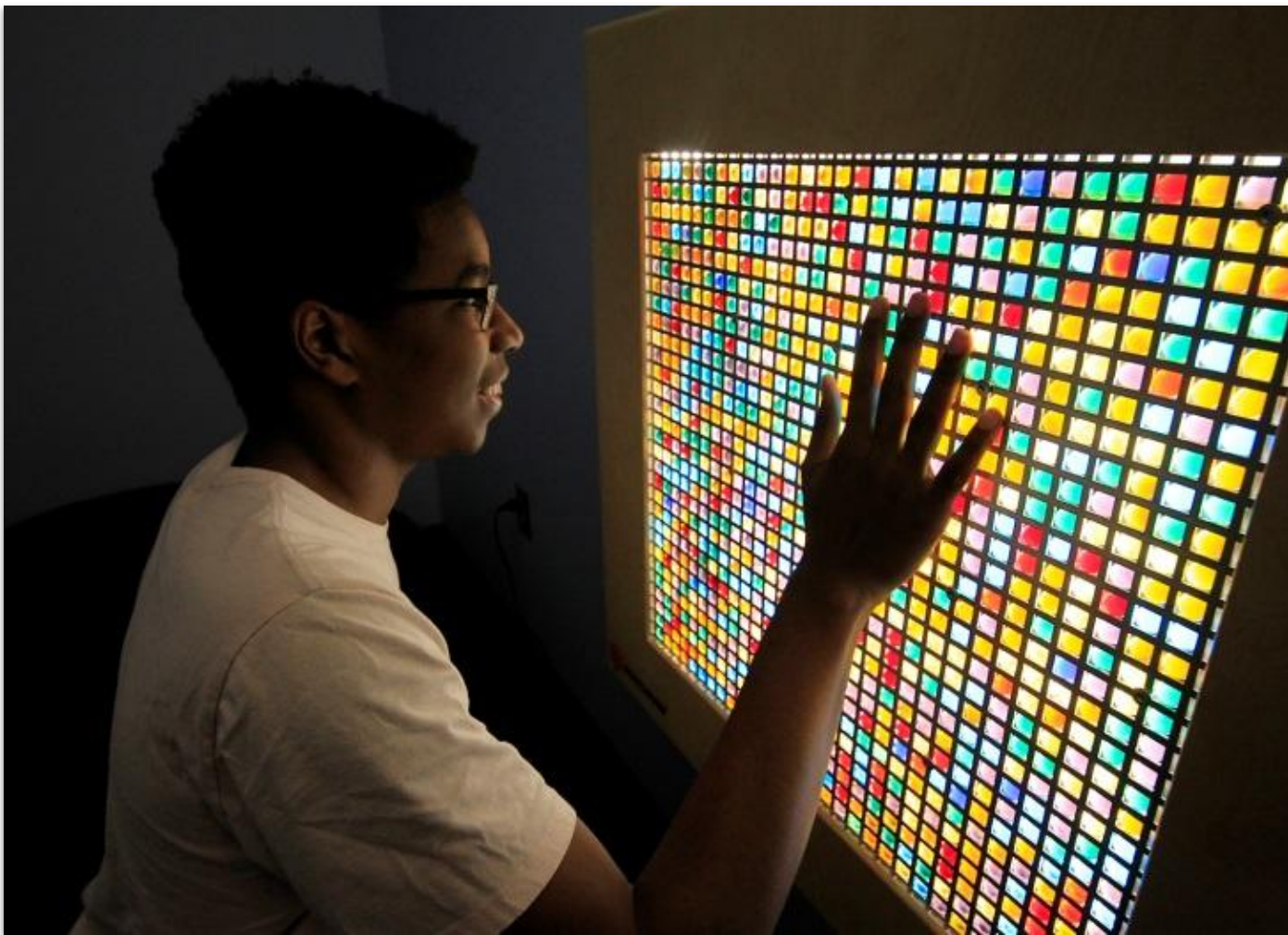
Tactile Supports

Visual Supports

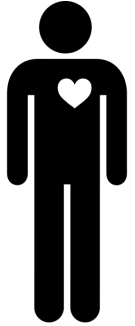
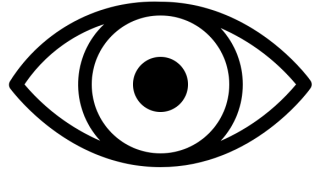


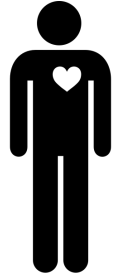


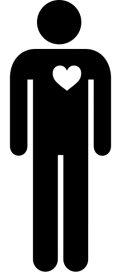












Calming Strategies Visual Menu



Accessibility Kit



Count to 10



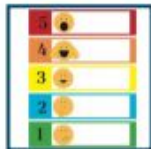
Deep breaths



Draw a picture



Drink of water



Emergency Scale



Headphones



Listen to music



Read



Rest



Squeeze hands



Stretch muscles



Take a break



Take a break outside



Take a walk



Talk it out



Wall push up

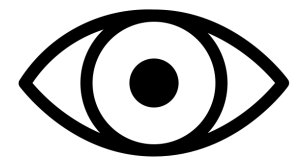
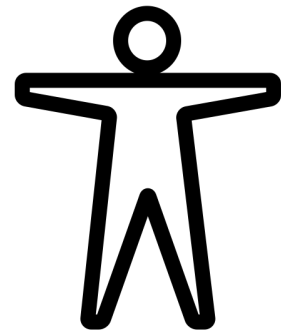


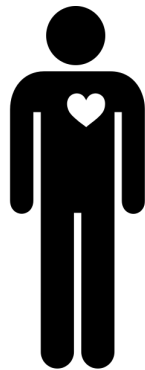
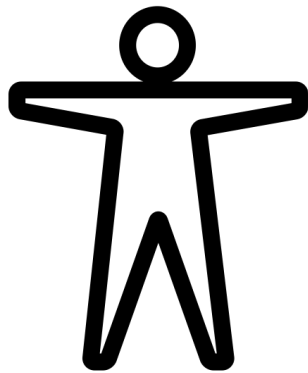
Weighted pad



Write about it

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Communication Visual Menu



Accessibility Kit



All done



Audio book



Bathroom



Book



CD



Check out book



Choose



Closing time



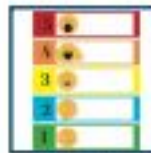
Computer



Drinking fountain



DVD or Blu-Ray



Emergency Scale



Feet on floor



Graphic novel



Hands to self



Help



I want



Laptop



Librarian

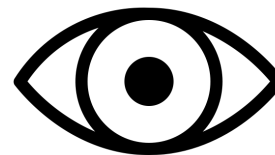
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Communication Visual Menu



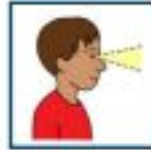
Library



Library card



Listen



Look



Magazine



My Turn



Newspaper



Quiet



Read



Sit down



Stand up



Stop



Tablet



Take a break



Touch



Wait



Walk



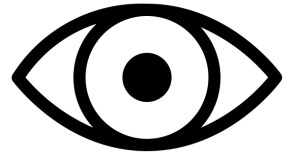
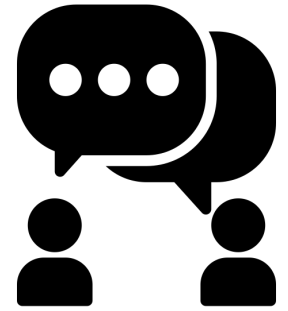
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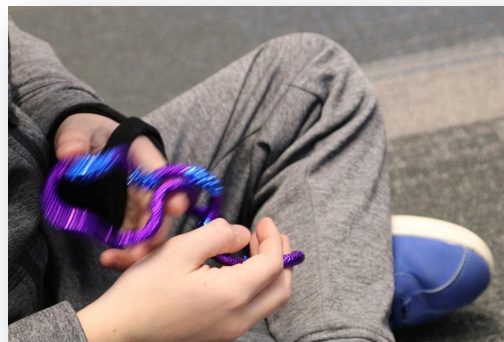
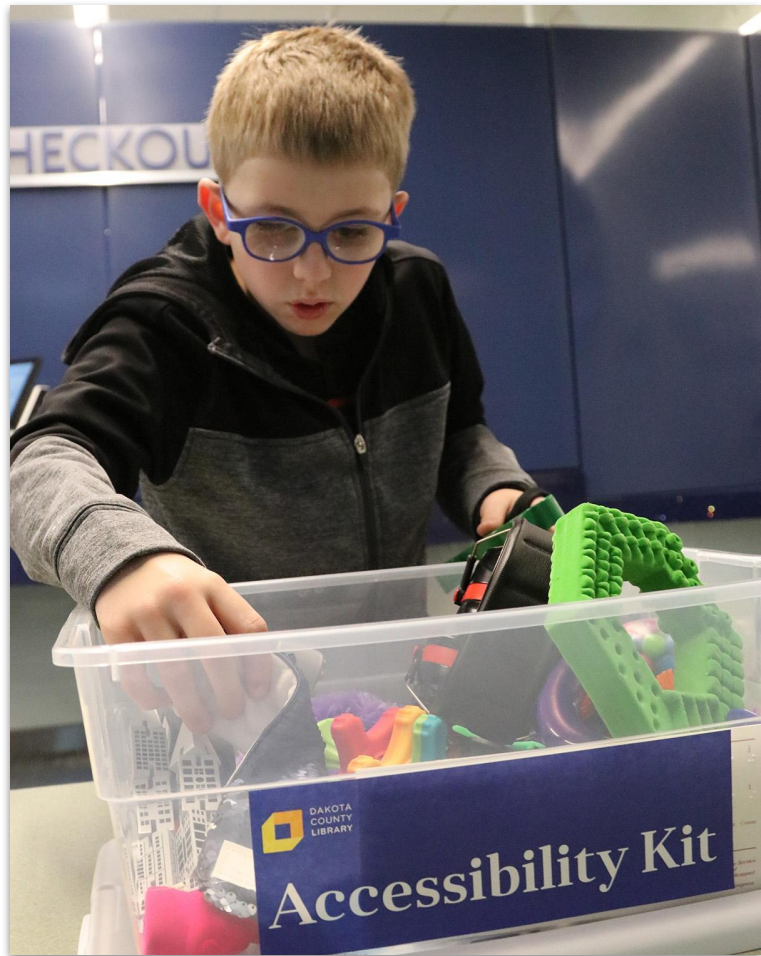
Your turn

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Tools & Supports





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Accessibility Kit



Headphones



Twist & Spin Rod



Fuzzy Coil



Fuzzy Tangle



Gel Bracelet



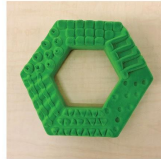
Skyscraper Fidget



Link Fidget



Visual Timer



Wrist Fidget



Puzzle Squeeze



Sequin Bracelet



Finger Grip



Toobaloo



Rabbit Fidget

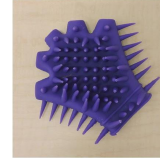


Hand Grip



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Gel Glove



Spiky Pickle



Hand Fidget



Adapted Scissors



Adapted Scissors



Sunglasses



Block Fidget



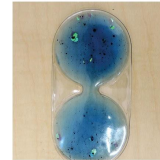
Tangle Toy



Chewy



Squeeze Ball



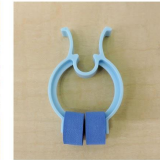
Mini Gel Pad



Earplugs



Braille Alphabet



Nose Plugs

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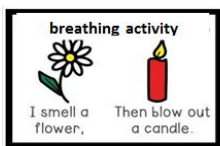
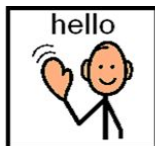


Icons for Everything



The Noun Project
Free Icon and Symbols





Pizza and Board Game Night

Group Games



6:00: Get to know you games:

1. Rock, Paper, Scissors
2. In a group at your table, everyone will play a game where you name 5 different things:
 - 5 movies
 - 5 things you put on pizza
 - 5 vegetables

Eat Pizza



6:15: Eat pizza and drink soda together

Play Games



6:30-Board Games

There will be different board games that you can play. Some of the games are:

- Connect 4
- Uno
- Jenga

Go Home



7:00 p.m.

Time to say goodbye and go home.

Today's So



Meet our Teach



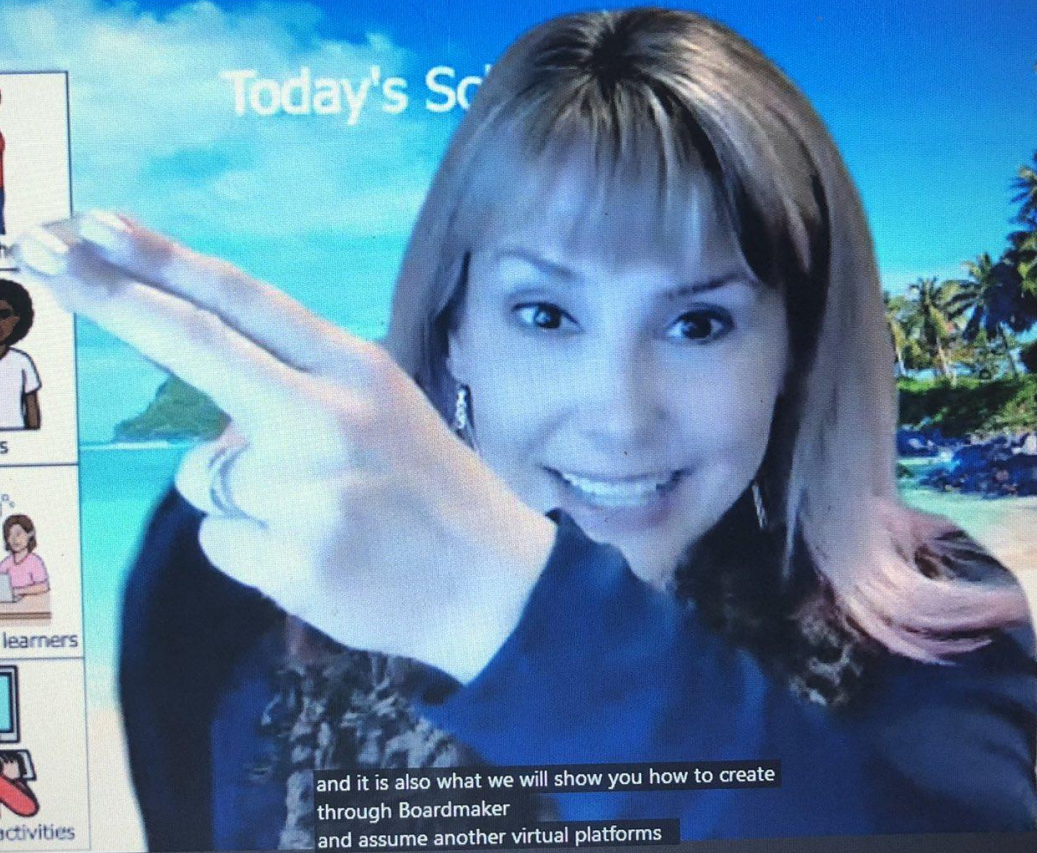
Learn EBPs



Tools to engage learners



How to make activities



and it is also what we will show you how to create through Boardmaker and assume another virtual platforms

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Audio Settings ^

Chat

Raise Hand

Q&A

Closed Caption

Leave

Express Services at Dakota County Library

How to visit the library and use express services



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<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/libraries/Using/Accessibility/Documents/ExpressServicesNarrative.pdf>



The library is open for express services

This story is about how to visit the library and use their express services. I will also learn about the new rules I must follow when visiting the library.



Wearing a face mask

I will always wear my face mask while in the library. I will make sure my face mask is covering my mouth and nose.

Everyone in the library, including the staff, will be wearing a face mask. Wearing my face mask helps keep everyone safe.



Staying 6 feet apart

I will stay 6 feet apart from others in the library. I can look at the stickers on the floor to guide me. I can stand on them while waiting in line.

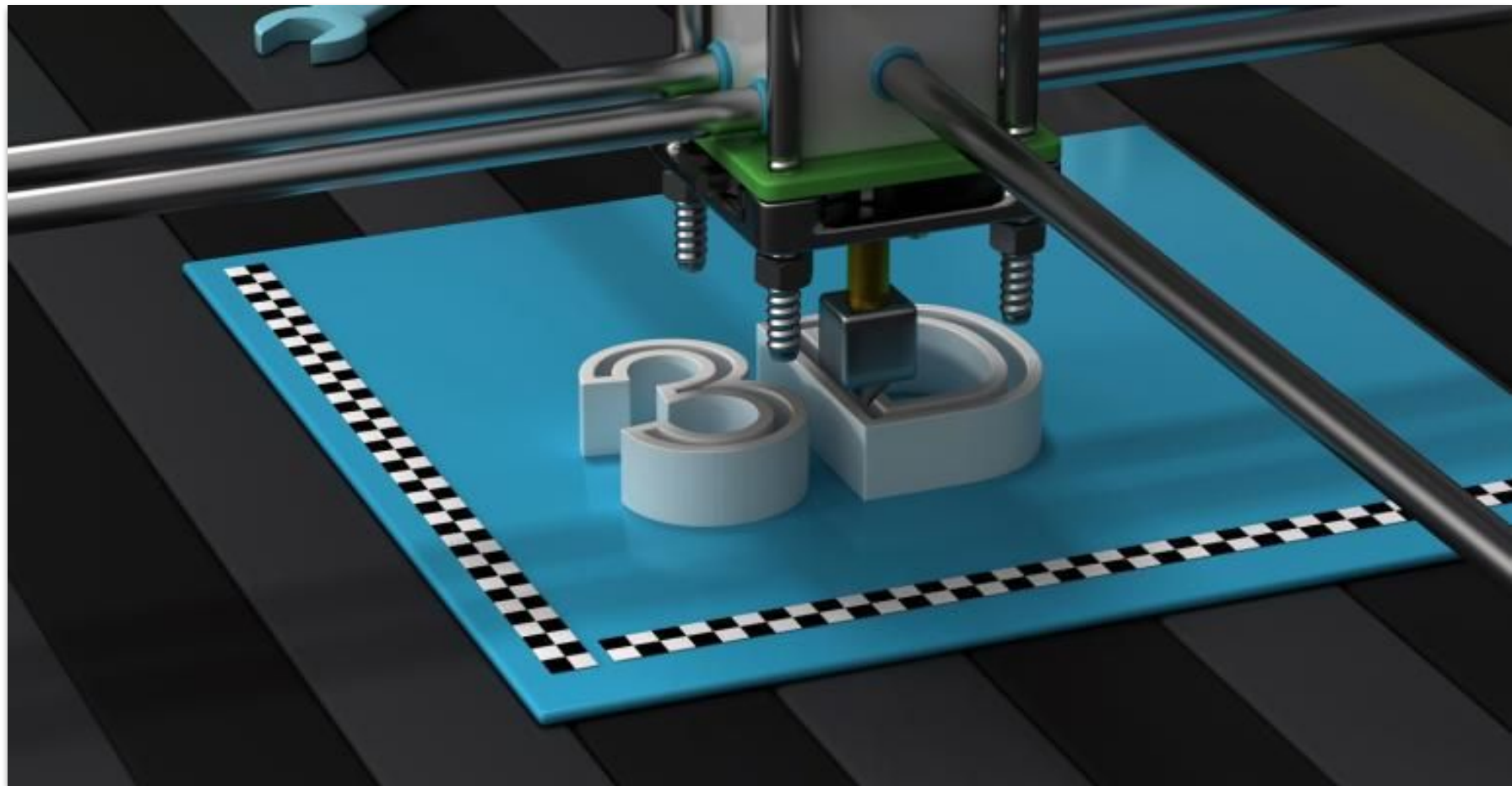
Staying 6 feet apart from others helps keep everyone safe.



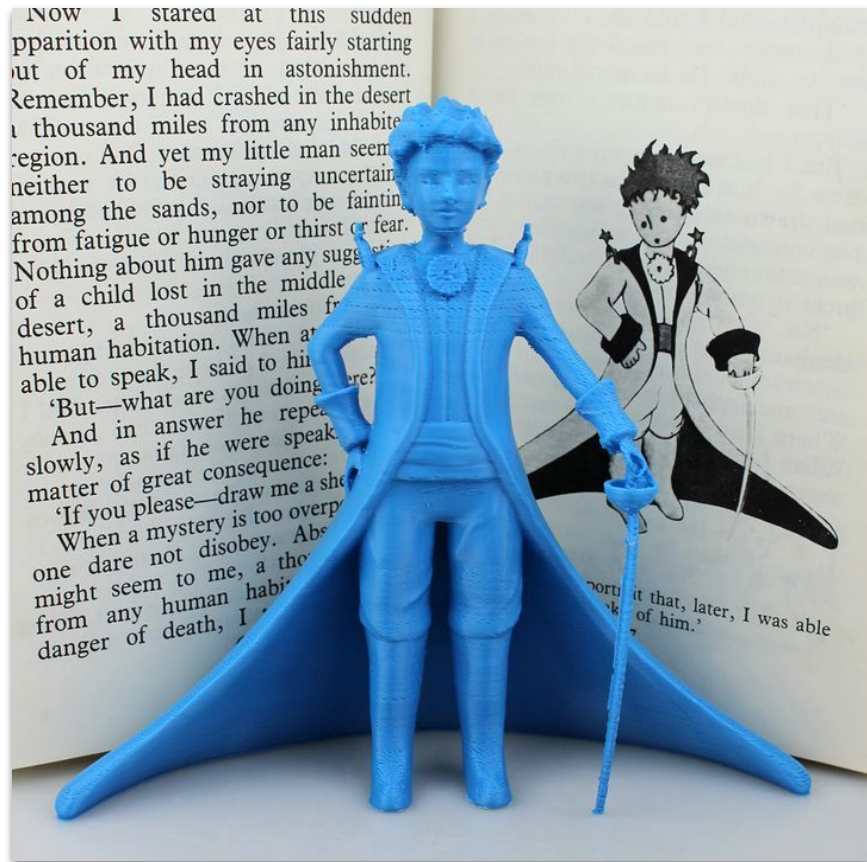
Keeping hands clean

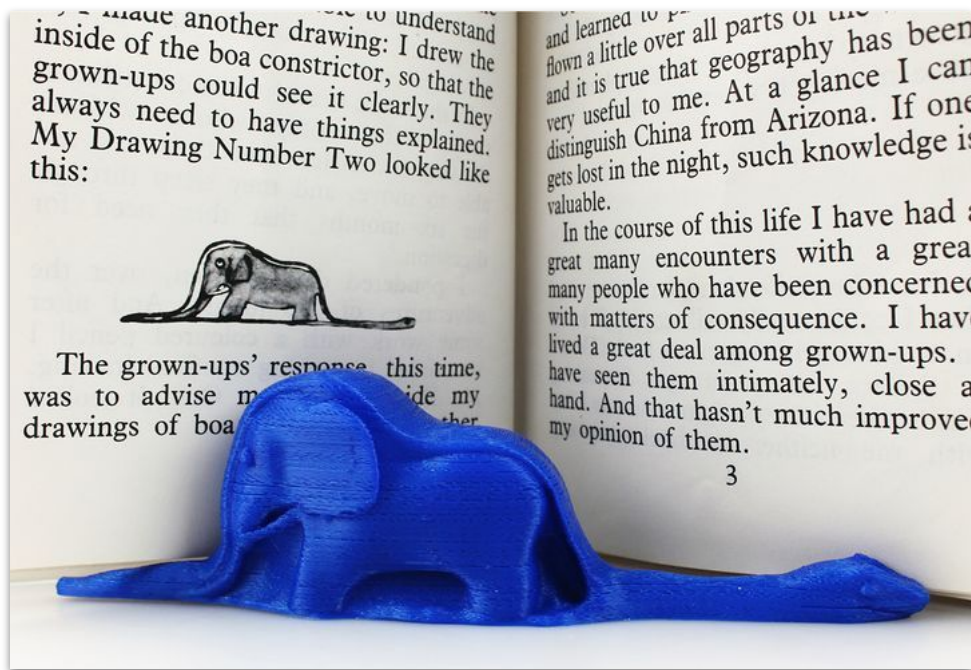
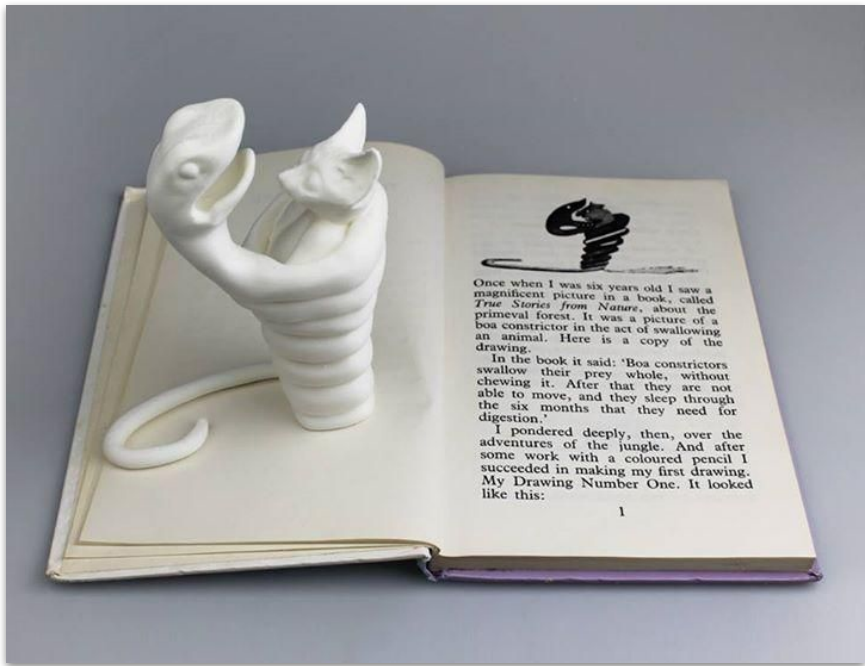
There is hand sanitizer available in the library for me to use. I can also visit the restroom and wash my hands with soap and water.

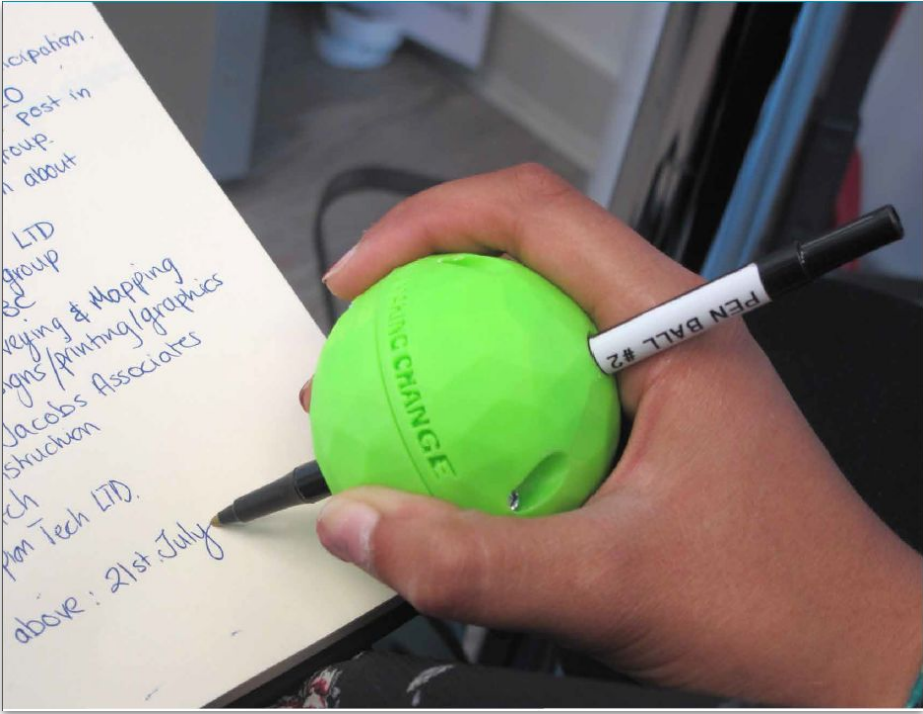
Using hand sanitizer or washing my hands helps keep everyone safe.

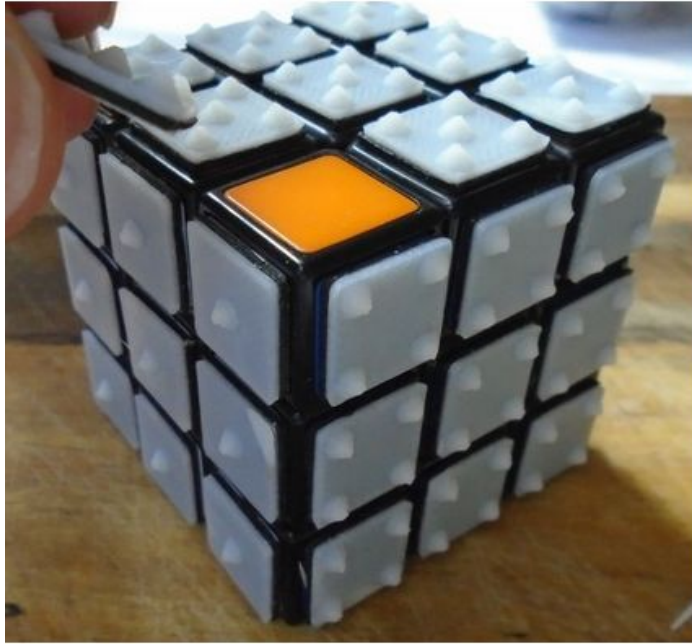














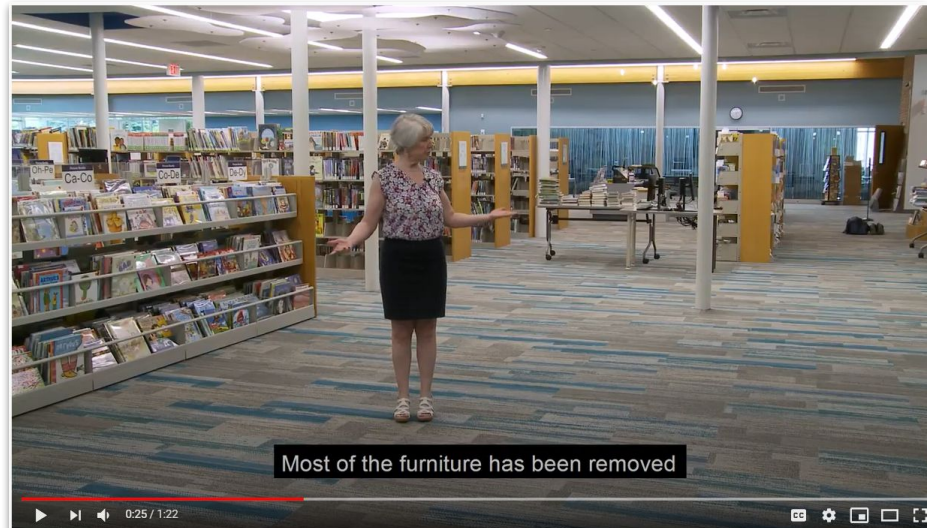




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Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X5wjaUI7lgk>

Programs & Outreach



Sensory-Friendly Early Open

- Two-hour early open event designed for people with autism and sensory needs
- No registration
- Structured activity stations
- Art projects
- Visual scavenger hunt
- 3D Printing demonstrations
- Resources, books, and library help



Sensory-Friendly Early Open

Program Outline

- 11 am-1 pm Explore the library
- 11 am-Noon **Therapy Dog Station**
L115 Meeting Room
- 12:15 pm **Sensory Storytime**
L139 Large Meeting Room
- 12:45 pm **Overhead announcement made**
- 1 pm **Library opens to general public**



ASL interpretation provided by American Sign Language Interpretation Services

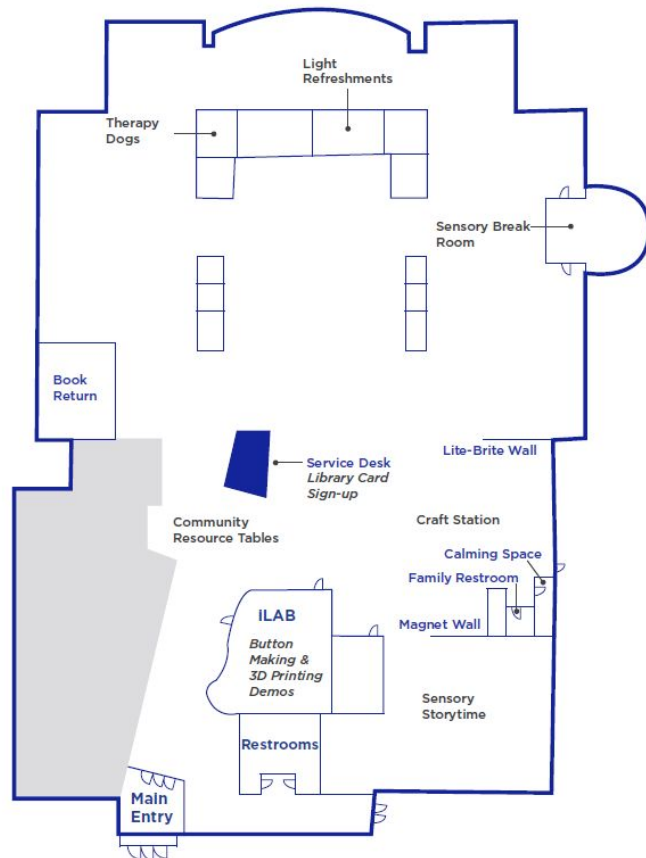


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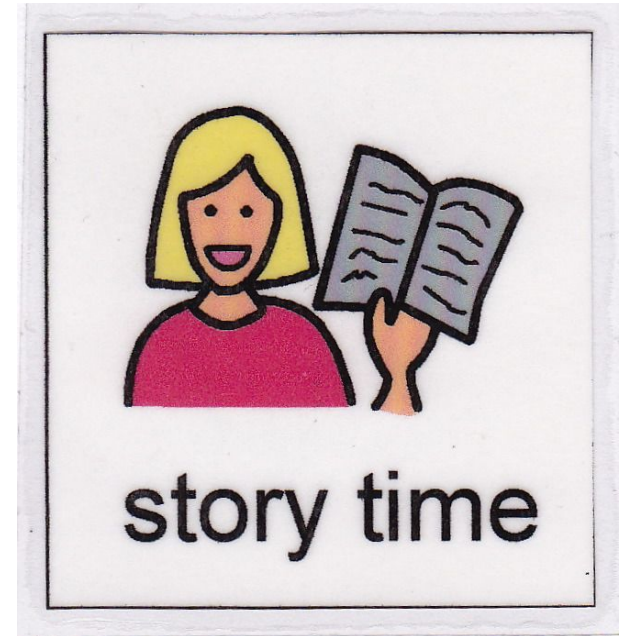
Galaxie Library Activity Map





Mind Your Manners: Life Skills in the Library

- Special education class made visit to the library.
- Teens brought a notecard with a question to ask.
- Librarian read a story about practicing “please” and “thank you.”
- Librarian led a group activity with a large beach ball.
- Each student tapped the beach ball to another student practicing using their manners; can be done sitting or standing up.
- Each student used their notecard and asked the question they prepared to the librarian at the service desk.



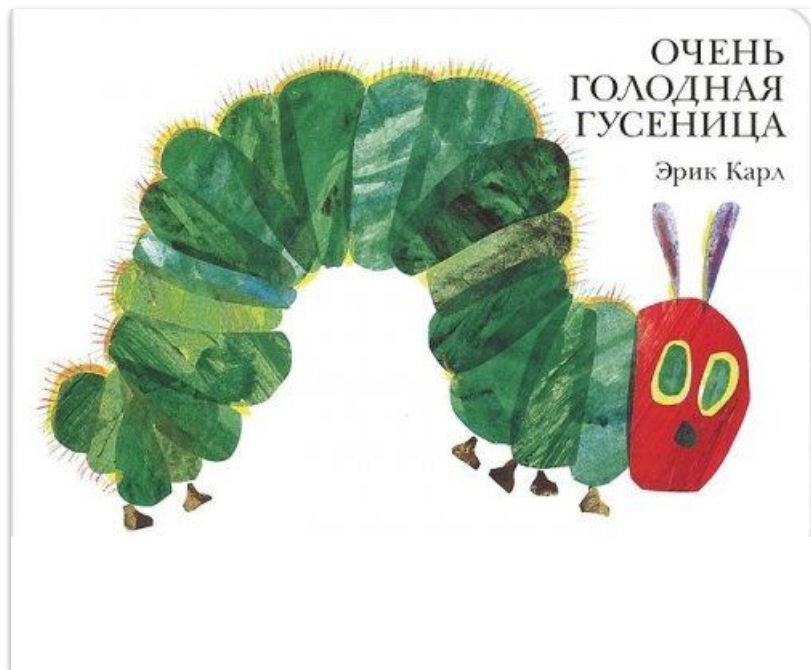
Making Stories Accessible to Teens

Find interactive ways to engage with teens and make stories come alive in ways they can touch, taste, see, smell and hear

- Tactile books
- Adapted books
- Use different formats
- Movements
- Songs
- Sensory activities
- Arts and craft activities









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Monthly club for individuals with autism, disabilities & neurotypical individuals ages 14+

All reading levels welcome; all formats supported

Participants vote on monthly themes: classic authors, mystery, historical, action, adventure, fantasy and sports

Goals

- Teach life skills on using the Library
- Socialization and connection
- Practice communication skills
- Support reading and literacy



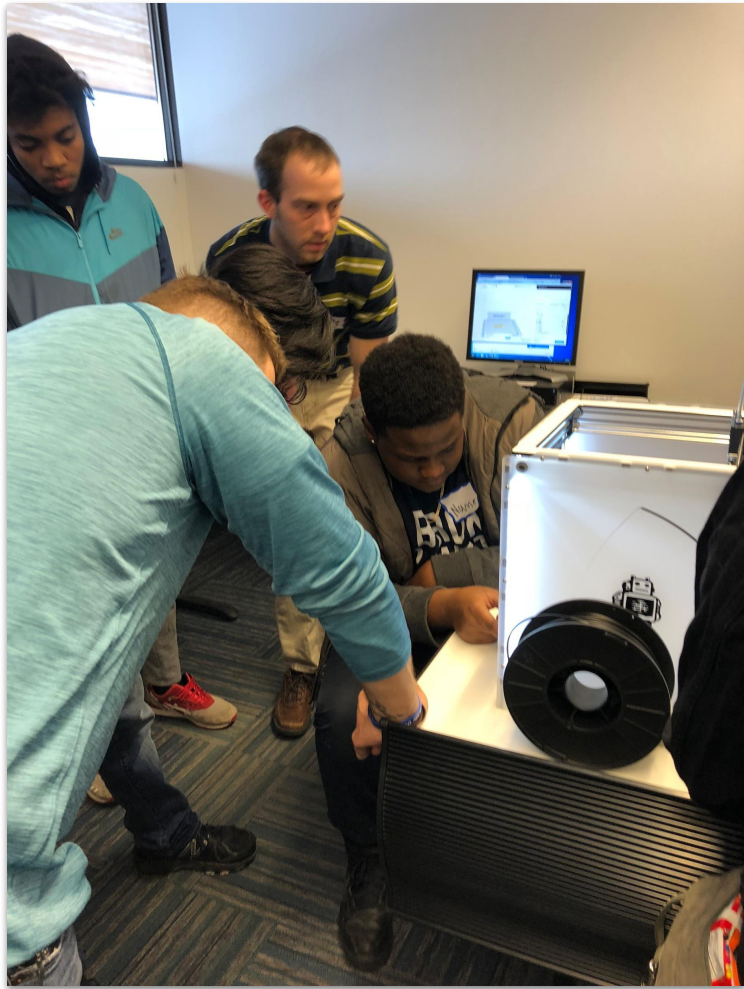




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Best Practices











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