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LIBRARY CORNER

Sensory Storytimes at library create positive library experience

By Jennifer McQuade Owasso Library Manager

As librarians, we want every child to come to the library and have a positive experience.

A few years ago we decided to add a new storytime program called Sensory Storytime. This special storytime is an interactive and educational program that can be enjoyed by all children, though it is especially designed for children with sensory integration challenges.

We combine books, songs, movement, sensory and therapeutic activities to stimulate all five senses and promote learning. After storytime, we provide toys for a half hour playtime to give children and parents a chance to socialize in a relaxed environment.

The storytime is recommended for ages 1-7 and is on the first Friday of every month from 4-5 p.m. at the Owasso Library.

If you have ever felt like regular storytimes would be too loud and overwhelming for your child, or have a child who would find it difficult to sit through a 30 minute storytime, or worry about bringing your child to the library because they may be

for the program. Our next Sensory Storytime will be tomorrow, Friday Jan. 9, and we still have spaces available.

Call (918) 549-7624 to register.

January events at the Owasso Librarv

Children

My First Storytime 9:30-9:50 a.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27

Wednesdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 Learn and enjoy songs, stories and activities that are just right for your little one at this lapsit

storytime. For newborns to 2-yearolds and their caregivers.

Preschool Storytime 10-10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 Wednesdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28

The best in children's literature, songs, games, finger plays, rhymes and other reading-related activities are shared with your preschooler. For ages 3-5.

Stay and Play 10:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 Wednesdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28

For babies and toddlers, playing is learning! After our regularly scheduled storytime, join us for games, toys and activities that foster critical early literacy skills. For ages 5 and vounger.

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Our experience with the parents and children at Sensory Storytimes at the Owasso Library has been amazing. Keeping the group small allows us to focus more on the children.

It's fun to find a book related activity that incorporates smell and taste senses. In the past we have painted bears with chocolate pudding (for the book Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?) and mixed colors using cool whip and food coloring (for the book Little Blue and Little Yellow).

The kids really love these activities involving all five senses, especially when they get to be messy and taste something sweet.

Registration is required to sign up

invited to read their favorite books to a furry, four-pawed friend. Each reader will receive a free book provided by the Tulsa Library Trust. Teen

Introduction to Knitting 4-5 p. Thursday, Jan. 15

Join us as we try our hand at the hobby of knitting. For ages 10-18.

Adult

eBook and Audiobook Clinic 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 12

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