

Danbury Library Sensory Space Policy

The Danbury Library's Sensory Space is equipped with a range of furniture and items that provide visual, tactile, auditory, and vestibular stimuli. The purpose of the space is to provide an environment that develops the senses, encourages communication and social interactions, relieves stress and anxiety, and produces a feeling of calm and well-being. Individuals of all ages and abilities are welcome to participate within the space, but it is not meant to be a general play area.

The Sensory Space may be used under the following conditions:

- The Sensory Space is available for reservation during normal library operating hours. Reservations may be made through the library's website or with the assistance of library staff in 1 hour blocks with a maximum of two appointments per day.
- Young children are the responsibility of their parents or caregivers and may not be left unattended in the Sensory Space. Parent/caregiver supervision is required for all attendees 12 and younger, as the space contains a variety of equipment that requires supervision.
- Use of the Sensory Space is intended for users to interact with a variety of multi-sensory items in a comfortable space. The equipment in the room, or programs that take place in the room, are not intended to replace any prescribed therapies.
- The Sensory Space may not be used by professionals to conduct any form of therapies without pre-approval by the Library Director.
- Items used in the Sensory Space are only to be used inside the space, and are not available for checkout.
- Individuals using the equipment are encouraged to remove shoes, but socks are required to be worn at all times.
- Food and drinks are prohibited.
- Patrons agree to take precautions to avoid causing unnecessary mess or damage in the Sensory Room and to clean up after use.
- If any piece of equipment becomes unsafe or in a state of disrepair, the patron will immediately discontinue use of the item and notify a library staff member.
- If a patron is having trouble with Sensory Space equipment, staff will provide assistance; however they may not be able to fix a problem during the reservation time.

- Any accidents or incidents that occur in the Sensory Space must be reported to a staff member immediately.
- Patrons using the Sensory Space will adhere to the library's Customer Code of Conduct and Room Use Policy.
- Misuse of the equipment will result in loss of room use privileges. Violation of the rules stated in this policy and the library's Customer Code of Conduct may result in loss of library privileges.
- Patrons assume all risks inherent to the use of the Sensory Space.

Sensory Space Equipment:

- ▶ Vibroacoustic Relaxer Chair
- ▶ Color Changing Light Panel
- ▶ Infinity Tunnel
- ▶ LED Color Column
- ▶ Fiber Optic Strands
- ▶ Jaxx Bean Bag Lounger
- ▶ Floor Rocking Chair
- ▶ Noise Reduction Headphones
- ▶ Sensory Mood Shapes (2 cubes, 1 ball)
- ▶ Rocket Ship Tent
- ▶ Weighted Stuffed Animals (2)
- ▶ Fidget Toys
- ▶ Wobble Cushions (2)
- ▶ White Noise Machine