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Metro Area Libraries Partner to Create a Sensory-Friendly Library Experience

Waukee, Iowa (September 28, 2023) — Several Des Moines Metro area libraries are once again teaming up to offer [Sensory Spaces](#) — designated hours for individuals and families to enjoy a sensory-friendly experience in the libraries.

Sensory Spaces will offer quiet browsing, special programming, and other adaptive services that will vary by location. The Waukee Public Library will offer a slightly spooky monster-themed party with a simple craft and dancing on October 7, and simple winter crafts on December 9. Both will feature a dimmed calm room, computer availability, and access to library materials.

The Waukee Public Library, much like the Waukee community, is rapidly growing in users and can be overwhelming for those with special sensory needs. While everyone is always welcome during regular hours, Sensory Spaces create opportunities for individuals, families, and caregivers to enjoy the Library in a new, sensory-friendly way.

The remaining 2023 Sensory Spaces sessions are as follows:

- September 30: Grimes Public Library from 9-10 AM
- October 7: Waukee Public Library from 4-5 PM
- October 8: West Des Moines Public Library from 1-2 PM
- November 5: Urbandale Public Library from 12-1 PM
- December 3: West Des Moines Public Library from 1-2 PM
- December 9: Waukee Public Library from 4-5 PM

Please check with each library to learn about all the times and services being offered. More information can be found at waukeepubliclibrary.org/sensoryspaces.

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About the Waukee Public Library:

The Waukee Public Library operates as part of the City of Waukee. It is governed by a seven-member board of trustees. In 2021 alone, nearly 46,000 visitors walked through the Library doors and nearly 185,000 items were checked out. In addition to providing books, digital materials, meeting space, and computer access, the Waukee Public Library hosts hundreds of programs and events each year to educate and enlighten Waukee area citizens of all ages. Visit waukeepubliclibrary.org.

