

MDPLS Supports **Autism** Awareness Month



*For a list of books and related resources,
please visit www.mdpls.org/autism.*

Sensory Friendly Programs

Families and children with special needs—and anyone who could benefit from a welcoming and inclusive environment—are invited to join us for theatrical performances, music, art, constructive play, movement and more! Parents and caregivers may share experiences with others navigating a similar path.

These programs are free and open to families and children of all abilities.

Rockin' & Readin' at the Library

Young children of all abilities will participate in musical activities facilitated by a board-certified music therapist.

Space is limited. Please contact the branch to register.

Wednesday, April 10 10:30 a.m.

Naranja Branch (Ages 3 - 5 years)

Friday, April 26, 11:15 a.m.

Palmetto Bay Branch (Ages 19 months - 3 years)

Immersive Art

This inclusive program led by a creative arts therapist combines books and art to promote socialization, language and motor skills.

Space is limited. Please contact the branch to register. Ages 4 - 8 years.

Friday, April 12, 3:30 p.m.

Coral Gables Branch

Saturday, April 20, 1 p.m.

South Miami Branch

Friday, April 26, 3 p.m.

Pinecrest Branch

MDPLS Author Series with Louise Goldberg

Join author Louise Goldberg for an afternoon of fun and relaxation as she presents her book *Yoga Therapy for Children with Autism and Special Needs*. Ms. Golberg has been teaching yoga and mindfulness practices to children with autism and

special needs for over 35 years and leads trainings on this topic internationally.

Please bring a yoga mat or towel. Space is limited. Please contact the branch to register. Ages 7 and up.

Saturday, April 13, 1 p.m.

Northeast Dade – Aventura Branch

Sensory Friendly Storytime

This interactive and educational program is for children who face sensory integration challenges and their caregivers. Books, songs and movement are used throughout this program to stimulate all senses and encourage learning.

All ages welcome.

Tuesdays, April 16, 23 & 30 6:30 p.m.

Coral Reef Branch

Sensory Friendly: All Things STEAM Day

Join us for a sensory friendly afternoon filled with exciting STEAM activities. Play around on portable Apple computers, make music, paint, compete in Wii U gaming, explore sensory stations and more!

Ages 4 years and up.

Saturday, April 20, 3 - 5 p.m.

Coral Reef Branch

Music and Sensory Movement en dos idiomas

Kids will enjoy an interactive bilingual music session while improving their socialization, communication and listening skills.

Suitable for those with and without special needs. Space is limited. Please contact the branch to register. Ages 4 - 5 years.

Monday, April 22, 11 a.m.

Lemon City Branch

Monday, April 22, 2:30 p.m.

Hispanic Branch

Monday, April 29, 9:30 a.m.

Edison Center Branch

Sensory Friendly Family Film

Join us for a sensory friendly showing of *Winnie the Pooh* for the whole family. The room will be lighter, the volume will be lower, and audience members will be welcome to move around, talk, and sing. The film is rated G.

Ages 4 years and up.

Friday, April 26, 2 p.m.

Homestead Branch Library

Celebrating Creativity, Courage and Inclusion

Join us as we celebrate inclusion, courage and creativity! Enjoy a reading of the simple and inspiring children's book *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds, the 2019 All Kids Included Art Exhibition Finale featuring pieces inspired by the book *The Dot* and a sensory-friendly performance of *The Three Mess-keteers* by Fantasy Theatre Factory.

Receive a complimentary copy of the book, while supplies last. All ages welcome.

Saturday, April 27 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Main Library

Read Along, Sing Along with the Florida Grand Opera

Hans Christian Anderson's *The Little Mermaid* comes alive during this sensory-friendly performance by the Florida Grand Opera.

Space is limited. Please contact the branch to register. Ages 4 years and up.

Tuesday, April 30, Noon

Key Biscayne Branch

Miami-Dade County provides equal access and equal opportunity in employment and services and does not discriminate on the basis of a disability. If you need an accommodation such as a sign language interpreter or material in an alternate format, contact the Branch Manager at least 7 business days in advance. Systemwide TDD available via the Florida Relay Service at 711.

