

Serving Children on the Autism Spectrum Through Storytimes

Good introduction:

<http://libraryvoice.wordpress.com/2008/06/25/storytimes-for-autistic-children/>

Wonderful overall libraries and autism website:

<http://www.thejointlibrary.org/autism/>

Description of sensory storytimes at two libraries and related links :

1. This storytime, which is open to all preschoolers, is especially geared to children with sensory integration issues. If your child has difficulty sitting through one of the library's other storytimes, this program of stories, songs and activities may be just what you are looking for. We encourage you to talk with the youth librarian before attending, so she can learn more about your child and alert you to procedures that help the library cope with room capacity issues. Ellen Fader, Youth Services Coordinator, welcomes your comments and suggestions about this storytime at 503.988.5408. (Multnomah County Public Library)

<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6699110.html>

2. Mt. Lebanon children's librarians developed *Sensory Storytime* to meet the needs of active children who require a more hands-on approach to learning. Structured around Howard Garner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences, this program helps to ensure that all children have the chance to learn the pre-literacy skills necessary to become successful readers.

Sensory Storytimes are offered to children 18 months to 3 years of age and their caregivers. The programs incorporate movement, music, art, messy play, balance, body awareness and other activities engaging the senses. The

interactive nature of the program is well suited to toddlers who learn about the world using their body and their senses. Please contact Connie Mathews for more information, 412-531-1912 or mathewsc@einetwork.net. (Mt. Lebanon Public Library)

<http://www.americantowns.com/ct/stamford/events/sensory-storytime-session-1-orientation>

Collection resources:

<http://www.thejointlibrary.org/autism/collection0709.htm>

Good array of storytimes and descriptions for parents:

<http://www.multcolib.org/events/storytime.html>