

# Beyond Sensory Storytime



*With Jacob Hutton*

In most communities in the United States, there are limited programs for individuals with special needs. While both story times for children and programming for adults meet diverse needs and are offered to all ages, there are few programs specifically for those who may be differently abled. Sensory Storytime provides special needs adults and children an opportunity to experience benefits of story times that may otherwise be closed to them.

There are many ways that your library can make sure that programs and services are accessible and welcoming to everyone. Sensory Storytimes utilize specific techniques to make the stories come alive for individuals with special needs in ways that they can touch, taste, see, smell, and hear. By utilizing these methods in both reading and music, libraries can help those of all ages to improve their social skills as well as refine comprehension and literacy skills. Libraries can offer integrated programs that are open to a mix of "typically-developing" children/adults and those with special needs, or programs that are just for those with special needs.

Learn how to create programs that include those with special needs as well as programming solely for that specific population. Join Jacob Hutton of Harford County Library System to learn more about adapting and creating sensory programming for children and adults with special needs.

Go [here](#) to register, and choose an event time that works for your schedule:

**Monday, March 13th**

***Frostburg Library***

***8:00 am - 12:00 pm***

**OR**

***1:00 pm - 5:00 pm***

**Tuesday, March 14th**

***Westernport Library***

***8:00 am - 12:00 pm***

***\*Snow Dates: March 27/28. Same locations and times***