

Welcome to the Ocean County Library Sensory Space

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Speaker 1

Welcome to the sensory space at Toms River. Our sensory space provides a calm, relaxing atmosphere designed to relieve stress and anxiety. Our equipment is visually stimulating, tactile, soothing and interactive. It is a welcoming place for all members of our community.

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Speaker 2

The sensory space at the Toms River Branch officially opened on September 1st, 2021. Since that time, the sensory space has welcomed over 3000 visitors through our open hours and sensory friendly programming. Overall, the sensory space has a calming atmosphere. The lights are kept dim, nature sounds can be heard, and there are several illuminators around the room that create a sense of peace and well-being.

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Speaker 2

There are inviting comfy places to sit and tactile and visual experiences. A visit to the sensory space can be tailored to the needs of our visitors. We have a variety of items. Some are more interactive, such as the IRiS Musical Touch Wall, and others are more passive. The IRiS Musical Touch Wall is visually appealing, but also reinforces numerous life skills such as cause and effect, color, number and shape recognition, fine and gross motor skills, coordination and tracking skills.

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Speaker 2

By customizing your settings of shape, speed, sensitivity and fade, you can create visually stimulating effects by moving your hand across the screen.

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Open hours and events are posted on our online calendar on the Ocean County Library website. Time spent in the space is limited up to 30 minutes and availability is on a first come, first serve basis.

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The sensory space is for all ages and abilities. The Ocean County Library is for everyone and we hope to see you soon.

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Speaker 3

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