

I Can Go to the Library



A social story for visits to the La Crosse Public Library.

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Today I am going to the La Crosse Library! The library is a fun place to read books, play with toys and games, and make new friends!



When I arrive at the library I will walk into the lobby. There are librarians sitting at the checkout counter and colorful quilts hanging from the walls.



If I have any books to return, I will put them in the book slot.



To get to the children's section, I will walk across the bridge.



The children's section has so many fun things to do! I can say "hi" or wave to the other children and librarians.



At the desk, I can ask to use a Sensory Pack to feel comfortable and supported during my visit to the library.



SENSORY SUPPORTS

Libraries are for everyone! We offer sensory supports to help patrons with neurodivergent needs feel comfortable and supported while visiting our spaces and attending programs.

No need for check out! You can ask to borrow a bag, use the items you need, and return it to a library desk when you're done!



The library has so many books! There are books about superheroes, animals, history, fairytales, cars, robots, emotions, and so much more! If I want a specific book, I can ask my parent/caregiver to look it up on the computer, or I can ask a librarian to help me find it. I can take the books off the shelf and look at them. I can read my new books on one of the comfy chairs!

If I do not like the book, I can put it back on the shelf. If I like the book, I can take it home with me after checking out.



There are lots of fun toys and games in the library! There is a playhouse, Lego Wall, and so much more. I can do a scavenger hunt, play, and share the toys with the other children. When it is time to go, I will put the toys back in their bins.



If I am hungry or thirsty while visiting the library, I can get a drink from the water fountain or a snack from the snack station. Yummy!



If I need to go potty, I can go to the bathroom with my parent/caregiver.
After I go potty, I will wash my hands.



There are other fun spaces to visit in the library. Sometimes special events like storytime or parties will be held in different rooms. There is also a Tot Spot for parents/caregivers to do computer work while their child plays next to them.



There is a teen section on the 2nd floor. Teenagers can go into the teen section and read young adult books and use the computers.



Before I leave, I will go up to the desk to check out my books and games. The librarian will scan my library card and books. Once the librarian has scanned them, I can take them home. I will return them to the library in a few weeks.

When it is time to leave, I can wave goodbye to the librarians. I look forward to visiting the library again soon.

The library is so much fun!

