

Three Rivers Public Library Sensory Zone Usage Agreement

“Not your average playroom.”

The Discovery Zone is a sensory play area for early learners and neurodivergent patrons. Families are expected to follow the library’s policy for minor use of the library (children 0-8 must be attended at all times; children 9-12 may use the library unattended provided an adult is in the building). Activities have been selected to provide early learners with tactile, auditory, and visual experiences to improve dexterity, problem-solving, spatial planning and sequencing. The Discovery Zone is also a calm, safe place for patrons with sensory processing differences with activities designed to help children self-regulate through a variety of sensory solutions. To accommodate both audiences, we ask all users to read these guidelines and complete a user application.

Hours

The Discovery Zone is open for drop in use from 10-12 am whenever there are two staff members assigned to the second floor. The Discovery Zone is available for 1 hour reservation during normal library hours.

Guidelines

1. Users of the Discovery Zone will comply with all rules, procedures, and restrictions developed by the Three Rivers Public Library. This policy compliments and works in tandem with the library’s other patron policies.
2. Young children are the responsibility of their parents or caregivers and may not be left unattended in the Discovery Zone. Caregivers are asked to help their littles learn through play and ensure safe use of equipment at all times.
3. Items used in the Discovery Zone are to be left in the same condition as they were found, barring normal wear and tear and are not available for checkout.
4. The User agrees to take precautions to avoid causing unnecessary mess or damage in the Discovery Zone. The User agrees to clean up after use, and to inform a staff member in the case of any issues.
5. Advertised equipment may not always be available for use.
6. If a User is having trouble with Discovery Zone equipment, library staff will help, but may not be able to fix a problem immediately.
7. The User agrees to notify library staff if any piece of equipment becomes unsafe to use.
8. The User agrees to notify library staff if an accident occurs in the Discovery Zone.
9. Use of the Discovery Zone is not a replacement for prescribed therapies and the space is not to be used for professional therapy.
10. The User assumes all risks inherent to the use of the Discovery Zone.
11. Food and drink are prohibited.
12. Violation of these rules or other library policies may result in the loss of room use.

I have read this document, and my signature below indicates my agreement with the above statements.

Printed Name of Adult: _____ Card#: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

