



Offaly Libraries

Sensory Offaly Programme 2025

INTRODUCTION

This Sensory Offaly Programme has been organised by Offaly Libraries as part of our larger Sensory Offaly Programme, with support from Laois Offaly CYPSC.

This programme aims to support the people of Offaly with the challenges they may face through disability and learning differences with events and workshops.

It is free of charge to all attendees (parents, children, young adults, teachers, carers, SNAs, etc.).

Advance booking is required.



Join your library today

online, in branch or by scanning this QR code

Contact Tullamore Library at

TullamoreLibrary@offalycoco.ie or 057 934 6832

with any queries.



Sibshop Workshop: Music Generation

Music Generation

“Music Generation is a national music education programme whose mission is to empower children and young people to realise their full potential through access to, and participation in, high quality performance music education. Together, we strive to transform children and young people’s lives by giving them opportunities to create, play and perform music in their own communities and on their own terms”.

Booking required
Suitable for 9 - 13 year olds



Clara Library

11 September

16.00-16.45

Kilcormac Library

11 September

18.15-19.00

Edenderry Library

25 September

16.00-16.45

Daingean Library

25 September

18.15-19.00



Fun Interactive Wellbeing Workshop for families

Delivered by Una Curran

Join Una Curran from Finding Your Wings Wellbeing for fun, relaxing, and family-friendly workshops at your local library. Designed for parents/guardians/grandparents with children under 12 to enjoy together, these interactive sessions which include yoga, breathing games, mindful art, story massage, and relaxation.

Edenderry Library

Sat 11 October

10.00-11.00

Tullamore Library

Sat 11 October

12.00-13.00

Booking required

Suitable for ages
4- 13 year olds



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Ready Steady Play and Music classes provide a multitude of developmentally appropriate activities through play, music and movement for children from Newborn - Primary School. The classes are great fun for all, the parents, caregivers and children, to chare together in the vital first five years.



**Kilcormac Library
29 July 10.10**

**Ferbane Library
29 July at 11.50**

**Banagher Library
30 July at 10.10**

**Birr Library
30 July 11.50**

**Suitable from
14 months to 3.5 years**

Booking required



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Cara Play Therapy

Delivered by Emma Louise Hogan



**Emma holds professional membership in Play Therapy Ireland and Irish Play Therapists Community Association. Emma is fully compliant with PTirl and IPCTA policies.
All welcome to attend.**

**Tullamore Library
22 Aug 11.00-11.45**

**Edenderry Library
22 Aug 14.00-14.45**

Booking required

**Suitable for
ages 4-10**





Art Workshops

Delivered by Terri Dale-Kearney

Terri has been developing her artistic endeavours and skills in Abstract Paint Pouring instruction since the beginning of 2020. She conducts live workshops and sessions with all ages and abilities from 5yrs+, incorporating the basics as well as introducing different props, recycled materials or techniques.

**Booking
required**

**Suitable
for ages
5-8 years**



Clara

Sat 27 September

11.00-12.30

Tullamore

Sat 27 September

15.00-16.30

Ferbane

Sat 4 October

11.00-12.30

Birr

Sat 11 October

11.00-12.30



Sensory Toys Showcase

Delivered by Róisín Farrell & Eleanor Wallace

25 September at 18.00

Explore Offaly Libraries' Sensory Toys and assistive technology through an informative discussion given by HSE CDNT Paediatric Occupational Therapists Róisín Farrell & Eleanor Wallace.

Róisín & Eleanor will highlight the benefits of sensory toys in promoting self-regulation, motor skill development, and offer practical guidance for parents and caregivers.

The Sensory Toy Collection, along with other supportive resources, will be available on the night for all to view and explore.

Please contact Tullamore Library on 05793 46832 or tullamorelibrary@offalycoco.ie to book your place.

All welcome to attend.

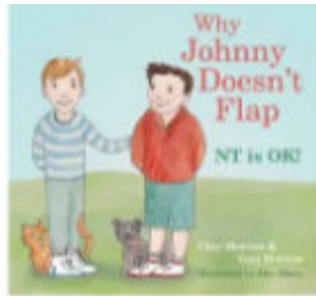


Sensory Offaly Book Collection



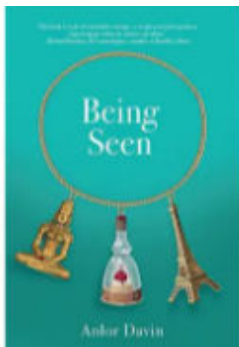
Going to the Supermarket By Avril Webster

This books explain 'what comes next' on a trip to the supermarket and can help children handle challenging experiences easily.



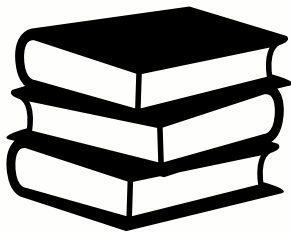
Why Johnny Doesn't Flap: NT is OK! By Clay Morton & Gail Morton

This book is from the perspective of an autistic child, remarking on the strangeness of neurotypicals' behaviour



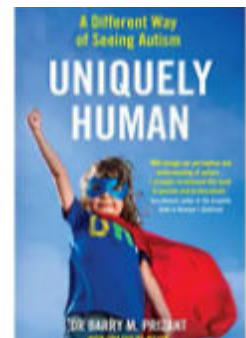
Being Seen: Memoir of an Autistic Mother, Immigrant, And Zen Student By Anlor Davin

This memoir is the story of Anlor Davis, a woman with autism who struggled in early life with sensory difficulties and social interactions. Diagnosed later in life, Anlor's experiences of masking and challenges eventually led to her taking up meditation and using those practices as a means of living more comfortably in the world.



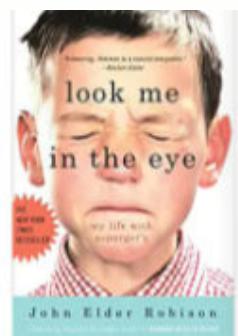
Uniquely Human By Dr. Barry M. Prizant

The author takes an alternative viewpoint on autism - rather than a disorder or condition, he views it as behaviours to deal with an overwhelming world. This book celebrates autism as having strengths and coping mechanisms that can be built upon and supported.



Look Me In The Eye - My Life With Asperger's By John Elder Robison

This memoir charts the author's challenging childhood, where he felt misunderstood and different from his peers. Diagnosed as Aspergers in his 40s, John Robison gained insight into his own behaviour and outlook, and better understood how he interacts with the world.



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Toys and Equipment Collection



Rotation Board

Sit or stand and rotate the board.

Suitable for ages 3+ and up to 40kg.

Promotes:

Balance

Coordination



Bear Skills Board

Promotes:

Fine Motor Skills

Life Skills

Dress bear using common clothing closures.
Practice buttons, zips, velcro, laces, and
buckles.



15 Minute Sand Timer

Colour coded sand timer to measure
specific period of time.

Promotes:

Starting & Finishing Tasks

Time Management

Concentration

Promotes:

Calming

Concentration

Self-regulation

Lizard Lap Weight - 2kg

The Weighted Lizard is for use on the lap, offering
comforting pressure to support focus, self regulation,
and concentration. Suitable for ages 3+, use should
be limited to 15-20 minutes due to its weight.



Ask at your library for further details

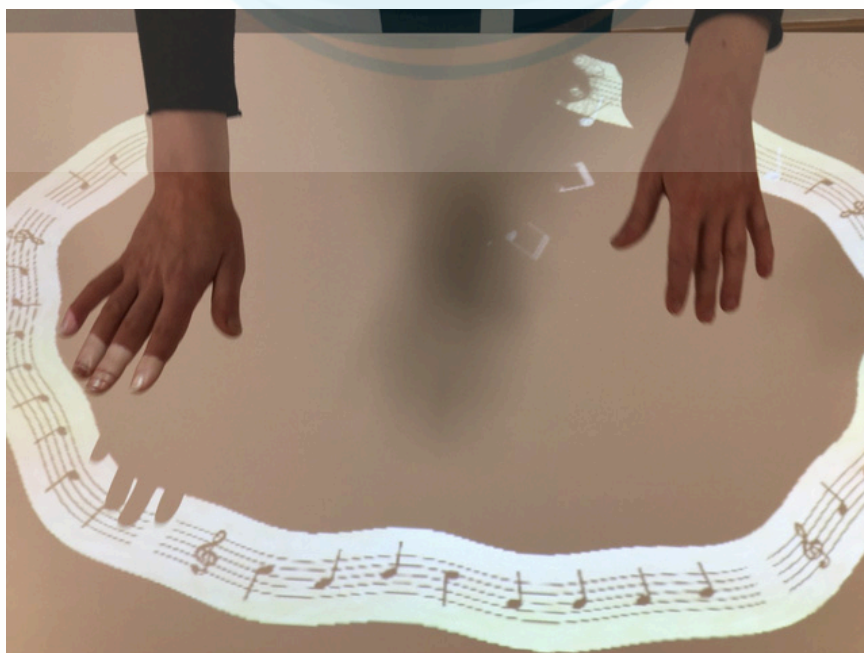
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Assistive Technology

The Sensory Offaly Collection includes assistive technology which can support and assist people with additional needs in Offaly, and their families, educators, and carers.

Magic Tables

Magic Tables are available for use in Banagher, Clara, Edenderry, Ferbane and Tullamore libraries. This games console hosts interactive sound and light-based games on a table-top to promote physical activity, engagement and quality of life for people with dementia and cognitive disabilities. Sit at the table and touch stars to create music, or tap a caterpillar to turn it into a butterfly simply by moving your hand through the light! The Magic Table offers a wonderful sensory experience. Contact these libraries to book.



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TTRS

TTRS is an accessible, multi-sensory online literacy course that teaches reading and spelling through touch-typing. Suitable from ages seven to 107, this highly adaptive resource uses phonics and typing as teaching tools to improve literacy for children, teenagers and adults. It is particularly suited to those with dyslexia, reading, writing and spelling difficulties, and other learning differences.



READER PENS

The C-Pen/Iris Pen Readers are small, compact pen-like devices that scan text and read it out loud. They are assistive technology devices that help those with dyslexia and reading difficulties to read better on their own.

If you are interested in borrowing the C-Pen/Iris Pen, please get in touch with your local library.



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Sensory Spaces

Offaly Libraries have sensory spaces at Tullamore, Edenderry and Birr Libraries. They are rooms offering a range of sensory experiences, including light, sound and touch. They are suitable for children, young people and adults. Children, young people, and vulnerable adults must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

The Sensory Rooms are spaces in which to relax, to explore, and to learn. Toys and equipment from the Sensory Offaly Collection may be borrowed and used there, and library staff are available to guide you in the use of the room.



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ACCESS YOUR LIBRARY SERVICE ONLINE WITH OUR DIGITAL LIBRARY



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Download eBooks & eAudiobooks to your device for free with Borrowbox at Offaly Libraries. For adults, teens and children.



Stream & download music for free with Freegal at Offaly Libraries. For adults, teens and children.



Learn a Language for free with Transparent Language at Offaly Libraries..



Learn a something new from over 400 courses for free with Universal Class at Offaly Libraries.



Access thousands of eComics and Graphic Novels with ComicPlus! Enjoy popular brands and series appealing to all ages.



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