Preschool Sensory Storytime at the Fairview-Columbia Library
The purpose of this story is to help pre-teach what in-person Sensory Storytime will be like so children can prepare and feel more comfortable during storytime.

Preschool Sensory Storytime is especially welcoming for children and families who are looking for a smaller, more adaptive library experience. It is developed for ages 3-6, but all ages are welcome.

Times and locations are available at multcolib.org/events/preschool-sensory-storytime
Today I am going to storytime at the library.
In the children’s area, I can read books or play before or after storytime.
I will use my inside voice.
The bathrooms and drinking fountains are at the back of my library if I need them before, during or after storytime.
My library has things to help me when I visit. I can use them during storytime.

- noise-reducing headphones
- Weighted lap pad
- Wiggle cushion
I will walk to the storytime room when it is time.

The storytime room is near the front desk.
I go into the room where other children and parents come too.

I can choose one of the seats or a carpet square, or I can sit on the floor.

I can write my name or draw on a name tag.
I can sit near the front if I feel like it or I can sit farther back.
The pictures on the visual schedule show what will happen next.

Hello  Sing/Rhyme  Read  Stretch  Sing/Rhyme  Read  Breathe  Activity  Two Little Blackbirds  Goodbye
The librarian will welcome me to storytime and read books.

When the librarian is reading, I listen.
We sing and move during storytime.

I can sing and move with everyone or I can listen and watch. The library has noise-reducing headphones if I want to use them.
Sometimes there are bubbles, scarves, bean bags or other activities.
I can get a hand stamp at the end of storytime if I choose to.
I had fun. I’ll come back to my library for storytime again!