

This is My Public Library

Sunderland Public Library



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This is my library, the Sunderland Public Library. We come to the library to access information and services, and to have fun. There are books I can read, toys I can play with, movies I can watch, and programs, like Lego Club, in which I can participate.

I can visit my Public Library.



There are specific days and times I can visit my library. The librarians can give me a library schedule to bring home.

These are the Librarians at my Library:



Katherine Umstot
Director



Kelly Daniels Baker
Head of Youth Services



Jared Sarnie
Head of Young Adult Services



Jane Howard
Circulation Assistant &
Accessibility Officer



Aaron Falbel
Head of Adult Services



Vanessa Ryder
Circulation Assistant



- The librarians will say “Hello” to me when they see me.
- I can ask any of the librarians for help when I need it.
- I can ask the librarians questions.
- The librarians will check out books and other library items to me so that I can bring them home.

When I visit my Library, I can do a lot of things:



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- Read a book or a magazine
 - Have a quiet conversation
 - Think or daydream
 - Attend a program
 - Learn something new
 - Do my homework
 - Volunteer to help in the library

When I visit my Library, I can browse the collection:



I can look for books, movies, audiobooks, and many more items to enjoy in the library, or to take home with me.

When I visit my Library, I can also use a computer



I can use the computer to play games, use the internet, watch videos, or do my homework.

When I visit my Library, I can play with toys.



The library has lots of toys for me to play with. Some of the toys stay at the library, while other toys I can bring home. A librarian can show me which toys I can bring home.

I can get a Library Card.



Having a library card at Sunderland Public Library lets me borrow things to take home, like books, DVDs, books on CD, magazines, toys, and more. If I live or work in Massachusetts, I can get my own library card. My library card will work at many other libraries, not just in Sunderland. Ask a librarian for more information on what you can do with your library card and how you can get one.

I respect everyone in the Library.

- I use my inside voice
- I move slowly and gently
- I clean up if I make a mess
- I use headphones when using the sound on computers, phones, or other devices.
- I listen to the librarians
- I am kind to everyone

Following these rules makes the library more comfortable for all of the visitors, including me. If I break a rule, a Librarian will remind me of the rules. It is okay to sometimes make mistakes as long as I do my best to follow the rules.

On **Thursday** I can go to sensory friendly hours.
The hours I can go are from 2:00 pm - 6:00pm.



Lowered Lights

Some lights in the library will be turned off to create a more relaxing experience.



Children's & YA Rooms for Activity

Movement and sound are encouraged in these spaces.



Community Room for Quiet

Being quiet is encouraged in this space.

Continue to Visit Us on Thursdays!

You can be yourself

We won't ever make you feel uncomfortable for seeking the sensory stimulation you need.



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Fragrance Aware

Please avoid wearing strong fragrances when visiting.



Need Something? Just Ask!



Our staff are always happy to help you find what you need to be comfortable in the library.

Respect Everyone's Unique Needs

If someone's behavior inhibits your enjoyment of the library, please let a staff member know so we can work together to find a solution.



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Most important, when I visit my library, I learn things and have fun!



Everyone is welcome at Sunderland Public Library. We love to see your happy face each time you visit. We hope to see you soon! From Katherine, Kelly, Jared, Aaron, Vanessa, Jane, and everyone from Sunderland Public Library.

Private and group tours of the library are available by request. We will also happily mail you a printed copy of this Social Story if you are unable to pick one up at the library before your first visit. Please contact us at director@sunderlandpubliclibrary.org or 413-665-2642 to make arrangements.

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