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## SOCIAL STORY

**QUESTIONS? EMAIL MADDI AT MRANIERI@MINLIB.NET** 



It's Wednesday! My grownup(s) and I are going to the Medford Public Library for Sensory Storytime.



I can go directly to the second floor of the library from the parking lot entrance, or I can go into the first floor of the library from the High St entrance.



If I come in on the first floor, I can take the stairs or the elevator to the second floor.



Once I'm on the second floor, I can go right to the children's room.



Since the program starts right away at 6:30, my grownup(s) and I will go straight to the program room. There will be time to visit the children's room after storytime!



The sensory storytime librarian, MADDI, will greet me when I come in to the program room!



If other kids and grownups are there already, I can say hi if I want to while I wait for storytime to start.

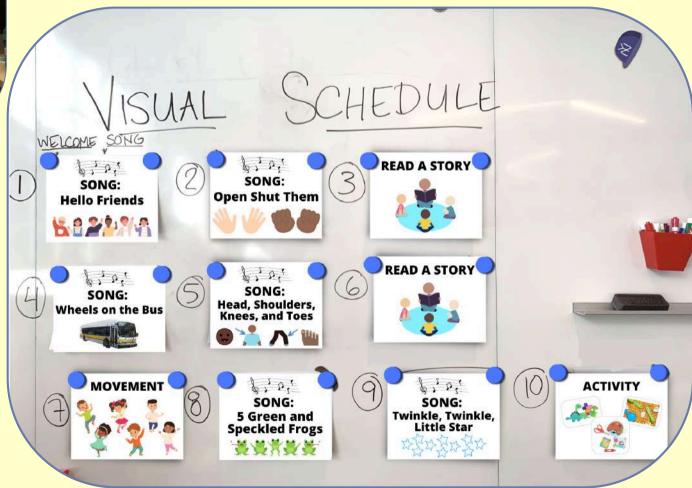


My grownup(s) will stay with me during storytime.

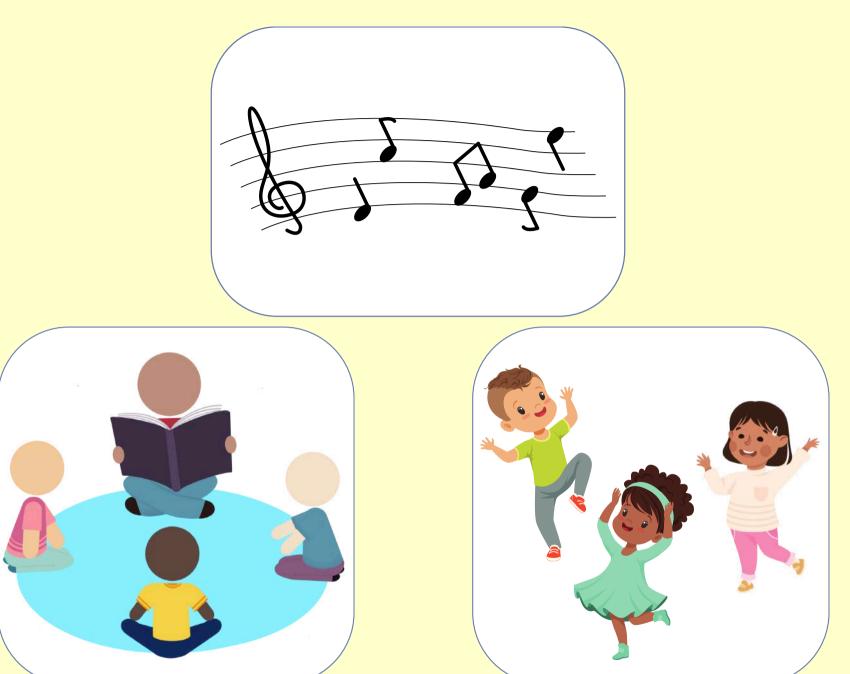


Once everyone is there, **MADDI** will close the door and I can take my seat on my special cushion, right next to my grownup(s).

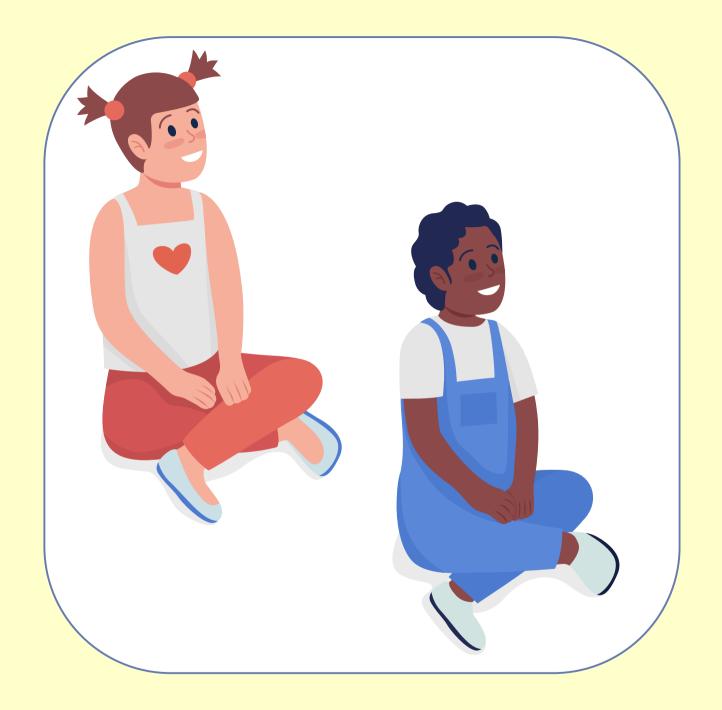




**MADDI** will start storytime by showing everyone the visual schedule of what we will be doing, so that there will be no surprises.



During storytime, MADDI will read stories, sing songs, and do some movement with us.



It's okay if I do not want to do something. I can just watch.



It's okay if I can't sit still. I can stand up and move around.



It's okay if I need to do something with my hands. I can choose a fidget toy from the bin to help soothe myself.

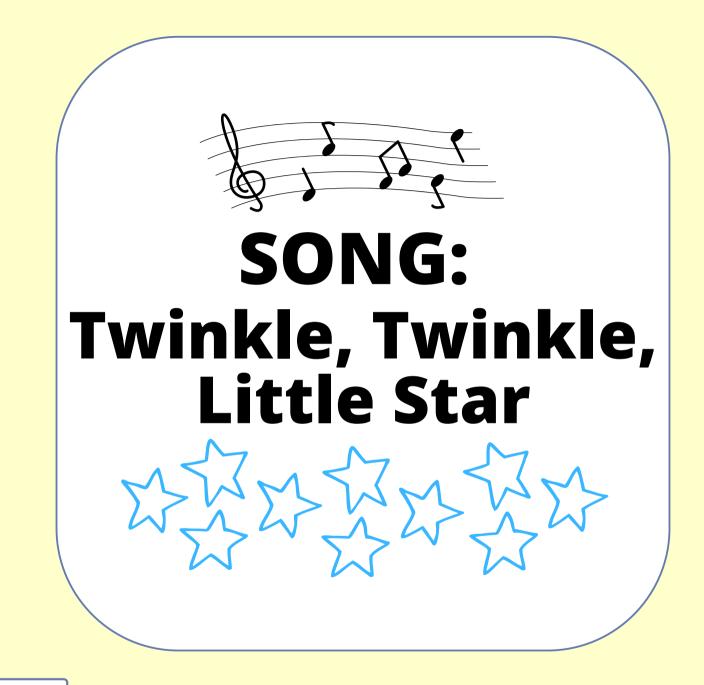


It's okay if I need extra help calming my body down. My grownup(s) can ask to borrow a special vest for me that feels like a hug.





It's okay if I need to take a break. My grownup(s) can take me to the quiet room, or outside to get a drink of water. I can come back when I am ready, or try storytime again another time.



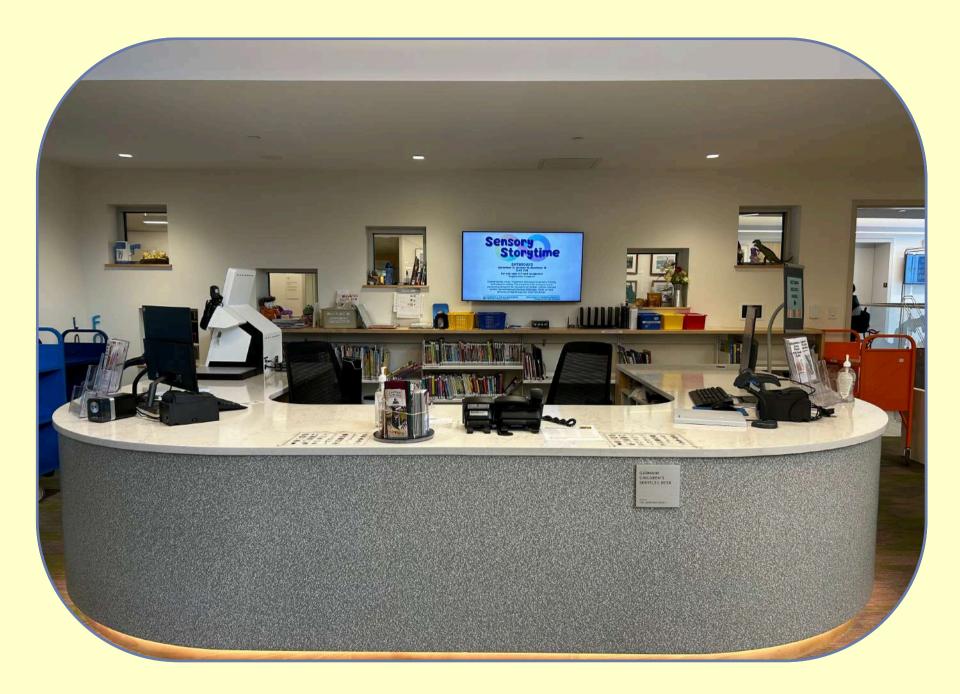
**MADDI** always ends the stories and songs part of storytime with the same song. That's how I know the activity part is coming up next!



After the stories and songs, **MADDI** might teach us how to do a special craft or put out a sensory bin, or maybe we'll just have some free time to play with toys and meet new friends! After activity time, we'll all clean up together, and then it will be time to say goodbye.



After storytime, my grownup(s) and I can go into the children's room and look at books, music, and movies, or hang out, play, and explore.



When I'm ready, a librarian will help me check my books/music/movies out. This might be a different librarian than the one who led storytime.



When my grownup(s) and I are done, we will say goodbye to the library for the day. See you next time, Medford Public Library!