



# My Visit to the Katonah Village Library



We are community.

# Note to Parents, Caregivers and Educators



## Background

The purpose of this story is to help you and your child learn about the Katonah Village Library and what it has to offer. If your child feels anxious or is not sure what to expect on their visit, we hope this story will help. The Katonah Village Library is a warm, welcoming and safe place for people of all abilities. Please let library staff know how best to make your visit comfortable and productive.

## How to Use the Story

The story is meant to be read one or more times with your child before visiting the library. The goal is to familiarize you and your child with what you will see and hear as well as what you can do. Encourage your child to ask questions and, if you're not sure of the answer, fee free to call the library to find out.



# This is my library

The library is free to use  
and I am always  
welcome to visit  
when the library is open.







# The Children's Room is downstairs

This part of the library is for kids my age.





**I can choose**  
**LOTS OF**  
**BOOKS**  
**filled with stories**  
**or information**





**I can borrow  
DVDs, Audiobooks,  
Music and  
Launchpads**







# COMPUTER

When I'm at the library, I can use a computer to play games and learn



Ms. Jill

I can curl up  
with a  
**GOOD BOOK**  
and read or have  
my grown-up read  
to me







# I can visit with Tina, the library's pet turtle

Tina lives in a big aquarium in the Children's Room. I can look at Tina but I can't touch her or her tank. This might scare her.

She loves when her friends come to visit.





# My library also has lots of things I can play with

I can choose what I want to do. Sometimes other children will be playing with the toys too. You can wait your turn or ask to share.





# PROGRAMS

I can join lots of programs at the library, including storytimes, arts and crafts, music, and more! If I need to move around during a program, I can.



**There are  
people at the  
library who  
can help me.**

They can answer my  
questions and check my  
books out for me.





# Quiet Space

Sometimes the library is quiet and sometimes it can get a bit noisy. If the library gets too loud for me, I can go outside to the garden or go into a meeting room if not in use.





# Fidgets & Headphones



The library also has different fidgets and noise-cancelling headphones you can borrow when in the library. You can ask the staff to borrow these.





# Bathrooms and water fountain

The library's bathrooms and water fountain are just outside the Children's Room and whenever I need to, I can use them.



# When I'm in the library

- I use my walking feet and my indoor voice
- I can eat a little snack sitting at a table
- I clean up the toys after playing with them







**I hope to  
visit my  
library  
soon!**