CITY OF MANDURAH

Visual Story

Sensory Santa Storytime





Welcome to Sensory Santa Storytime

Sensory Santa Storytime is a Christmas activity designed to provide a calm and inclusive experience for families.

The session takes place in a small group setting with a limited number of people attending.



About this visual story

This visual story has been created to support people attending the Sensory Santa Storytime on 15 December at 11am.

It describes the venue, activities and supports available throughout the event, helping everyone understand what to expect before they arrive.



Arriving at the venue

The Sensory Santa Storytime will be at Lakelands Library and Community Centre.

The address is 49 Banksiadale Gate, Lakelands.

The session will be held in the meeting rooms.

When entering through the main doors of the library, the meeting rooms are on the right-hand side.



Parking

There is a car park at the corner of Lake Valley Drive and Seppings Parade, and another in front of Lakelands Shopping Centre. Both car parks have ACROD parking bays.

1 ACROD bay is also available on Seppings Parade near the library entrance.



Public transport

There are bus stops near Lakelands Library on Mandurah Road and on Banksiadale Gate.

Check the Transperth Journey Planner website for more information.

https://www.transperth.wa.gov.au/Journey-Planner



Toilets

The library has a Universal Access Toilet (UAT) and two other toilets.

Lakelands Shopping Centre is located next door which has an additional UAT and other toilets.



Entering the room

The meeting rooms are set up to create a calm and welcoming environment.

The room may include tables, chairs, floor cushions and activity spaces.

Other people including attendees, family members and staff will also be in the room.



Sensory supports

Sensory supports are available throughout the session.

These include floor cushions, fidget tools, communication boards, colouring activities and a visual schedule.

The room will have soft lighting and reduced sound.



Breakout spaces

There are quiet spaces in the library for anyone who needs a break from the workshop.

People can return to the story time session when they are ready.



What happens during the session

The session begins with a Christmas-themed story.

Library staff will read the story to the group.

Everyone can listen to the story in a way that suits them.



Meeting Santa

A special guest, Santa, will visit the session.

Santa will enter the room quietly without bells, music or other sudden sounds.

Santa will also read a short story to everyone.

Children can choose how they would like to spend time with Santa.



Craft activities

After the story, you can take part in a simple Christmas craft activity.

Craft materials will be available for everyone to use.

Participation in the activity is optional.



Spending time with Santa

After the story, children can choose to visit Santa or enjoy the craft activity.

A card system will be used for Santa visits. This helps everyone take turns without waiting in a queue.

Staff will explain the card system on the day.



Spending time with Santa

Everyone may spend time with Santa if they would like to.

You may choose to talk with Santa.

You may choose to sit nearby, wave or simply watch.

Different ways of participating are welcome.



Taking photos

Families are welcome to take their own photos with Santa.

There is no professional photographer at the event.

Photos can be taken when it is time to visit Santa.



Choosing how to participate

Children can choose how they would like to participate.

Children may join activities, spend time with Santa, use sensory supports or observe what is happening in the room.

Staff will be available throughout the session.



Support at the event

A therapy assistant will attend the session.

The therapy assistant has experience supporting people with disability and sensory needs.

Support is available for children, families and staff during the event.



At the end of the session

Santa will leave the session just before 12pm.

As Santa leaves the room, Santa will wave goodbye before returning to the North Pole.

Staff will let families know when the session is ending.

Families can then collect their belongings and leave when they are ready.

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