

RED JACKET COMMUNITY LIBRARY



News Release - Red Jacket Community Library Creates Sensory Friendly Library

(Tuesday August 20, 2024) Manchester, NY - Red Jacket Community Library (RJCL) is pleased to announce the arrival of our new Sensory Kits. The Rochester Regional Library Council and Friends (RRLC) & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library (FFRPL) awarded a grant from the Harold Hacker Fund for the Advancement of Libraries to make creation of these kits possible.

Three Sensory Kits were created, two of the sensory kits are for children and one kit is geared towards adults. Each kit contains a noise reduction headset, multiple fidgets, sunglasses, a sensory bottle, and a timer. The children's kits also include a set of communication cards. These kits are available at the circulation desk to be checked out for in-library use.

In addition to the sensory kits, RJCL was also able to purchase other items to create a more sensory friendly environment within the library. Such items include fluorescent lighting covers, fidgets, liquid floor tiles, a sensory den with pillows, and a weighted lap pad for sensory breaks. Materials to further enhance the accessibility of programming, such as our currently running Sensory Playtime program, includes toddler-safe sensory bin manipulatives, a manipulative cleaning bin set, and four wiggle seats.

Sensory friendly environments are important for many individuals and create inclusivity for children and individuals with autism. The goal of these sensory kits, and environmental adaptations is to increase the accessibility of the library.

Director of Red Jacket Community Library, Jordan Schneider, said that this goal goes back to the Red Jacket Community Library's mission statement: We inspire learning and creativity by providing access to materials, resources, programs, and services in a safe and welcoming environment. "We recognize the importance of a library to the community and are proud to be improving accessibility to our services and the library environment. A safe and welcoming environment includes everyone!"

To find more information about Red Jacket Community Library, visit redjacket.owwl.org.

Red Jacket Community Library is part of the [OWWL Library System](#), a New York State chartered, cooperative public library system serving the forty-two public libraries in Ontario, Wyoming, Wayne and Livingston counties. OWWL offers centralized cataloging and delivery of member library materials through the [OWWL catalog](#).

RED JACKET COMMUNITY LIBRARY



###

News Media: For more information, contact Red Jacket Community Library at 585-289-7063 or redjacketlibrarydirector@owwl.org

