

# KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL LIBRARY SERVICE

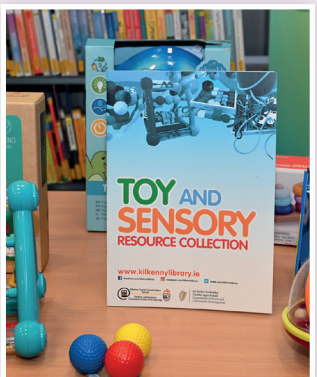
## Sensory Toys and Books in Kilkenny Library



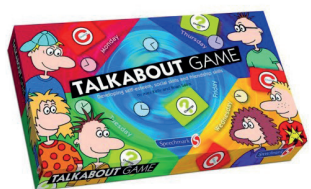
**D**o you know what sensory services are available in Kilkenny Library? Find all the details here!



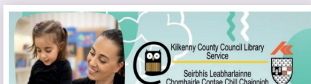
Kilkenny Library have been working closely with ASIAM on an Autism friendly charter. ASIAM is Ireland's National Autism Charity who are working to create a society in which every autistic person is empowered to reach their own personal potential and fully participate in society. We in Kilkenny Library aim to provide an accessible library service for everyone in our community. This charter helps us to be mindful of how we can promote autism awareness and autism acceptance in our libraries.



We have recently launched a Sensory Book Collection. This is available for children, parents, teachers and carers. This book collection complements our Toy and resources collection already available. These collections are available by contacting your local library branch or our Library Headquarters.



The Toy collection provides free access to specialised toys to assist children with special needs. These toys are designed to support the development of important skills including gross motor skills, communication skills and visual perception skills.



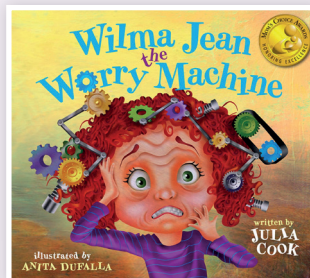
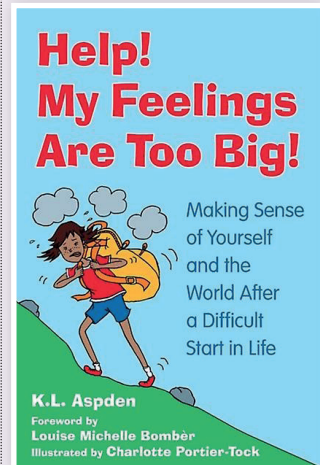
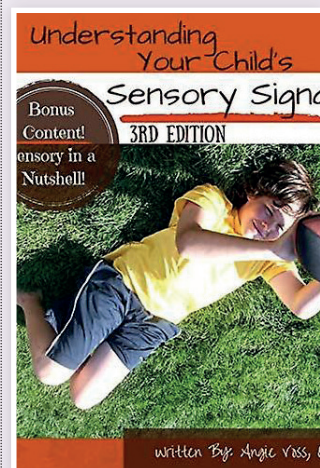
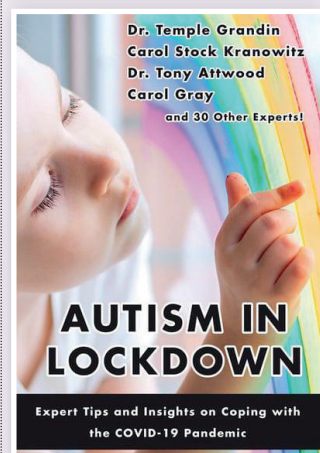
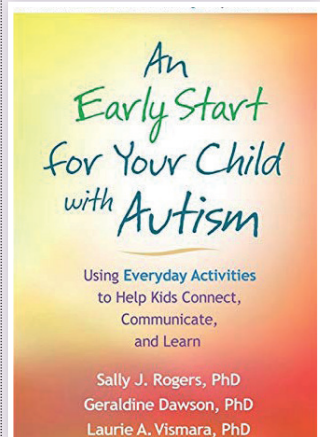
### Sensory Book Collection

Books for children, parents, teachers and carers.



[www.kilkennylibrary.ie](http://www.kilkennylibrary.ie)

Our sensory book collection is a specialised collection available to borrow from Kilkenny Library Headquarters. This collection of books has been purchased with advice from professionals working with children with special needs. The collection contains over 300 titles for children, young adults, parents and carers.



**How do you avail of these services?**

### How To Do It?

- Contact either your local library branch or our Library Headquarters
- To borrow the toys, you will need a letter of referral. Teachers and SNAs will get this letter from their school principal, parents from a health professional working with their child.
- To borrow both toys and books you will need to set up a new library card for sensory services.
- All these services are free and library staff will be happy to help.

### A visit to Graiguenamanagh Library



In addition to these services there are social stories available for all our library branches including the mobile library. These can be found on our library website or picked up in any library branch. These are visual stories that help



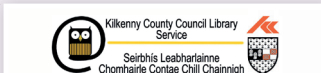
There is a sensory box available also in all of our library buildings and on our mobile library, with small calming toys that can be used during your visit to help make the sensory experience better for your child. Ear defenders are also available for those with sound sensitivities.



Each library also has a set of Lulls ear phones, which have white noise and relaxing music pre-loaded for listening. Ask any staff member for these during your visit.

you prepare for your visit to the library.

A new Teachers Resource Pack will be available in January 2022 this will contain all the sensory information catalogues along



### Teachers Resource Pack

Primary School Class Novels

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website [www.kilkennylibrary.ie](http://www.kilkennylibrary.ie) under Services - Sensory Library.