



# CORPUS CHRISTI PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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# SENSORY ROOM

*Grand Opening*

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29  
2:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**

**AT LA RETAMA CENTRAL LIBRARY  
805 COMANCHE STREET**

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**THE FIRST FREE  
PUBLIC SENSORY  
ROOM IN THE  
SOUTH TEXAS  
REGION!**

# La Retama Central Library

## Sensory Room

Corpus Christi Public Libraries was awarded \$75,000 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through a competitive Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) grant program. This grant enabled the creation of a community sensory room at La Retama Central Library for children with special needs from infants up to age 14.

- The sensory room has 13 state-of-the-art stations offering benefits such as enhancing gross motor skills, encouraging problem-solving, visual stimulation, and mood regulation. Sensory-friendly activities and books, including braille books and other resources, will also be available.
- A monthly speaker series will be introduced in May in partnership with area professionals. These experts will present topics of interest to caregivers raising children who experience sensory processing challenges.



# Sensory Room Stations

## Custom Corner Area with Waterless Color Column

- Enhances relaxation, encourages visual tracking and improves visual development.
- Helps to soothe, focus and organize when feeling sensory overloaded.



Children on the autism spectrum and those with ADHD often experience sensory processing challenges. In our Sensory Room, children can learn to regulate their reactions and develop coping skills for situations where stimuli would typically cause an adverse reaction.

## Acoustic Tactile Wall Panel

- Engages many senses and encourages problem-solving through play.
- Attracts kids in sensory exploration through play based activities that stimulate minds and bodies.



# Sensory Room Stations

## SensaSoft Play Barrel

- Encourages motor planning, gross motor development and socialization.
- Aids with movement challenges through play while building confidence, coordination, balance, and strength.



Families who have children with sensory processing challenges are often unable to attend family-oriented events. Our goal is to offer these families a safe, non-threatening environment to calm or stimulate their sensory sensitive or sensory seeking children.

## Music Touch Wall with SensaSoft Panel

- Equipped with a screen that fills with a colorful shape or design accompanied by a sound.
- Helps kids hone attention, tracking, cause and effect, and color recognition skills.



# Questions?

