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EVPL partnering with Driving for Change, Sensory Inclusion to offer sensoryfriendly bags at library locations

Evansville, IN, March 28, 2022 - The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library is pleased to announce its partnership with Driving for Change, Sensory Inclusion to offer curated sensory-friendly bags for library users.

EVPL locations will begin offering sensory-friendly bags for library users to utilize during their visits. The bags include noise-canceling headphones, sensory activities, and more.

Driving for Change, Sensory Inclusion was founded by Evansville Day School Senior Tyler Myers. The initiative strives to connect individuals with sensory-friendly locations and items throughout the community. Tyler and his initiative finished in the top six finalists of the <u>University of Evansville's High School Changemaker Challenge</u>.

"We are excited to announce this partnership with Driving for Change, Sensory Inclusion," said EVPL CEO-Director Scott Kinney. "We recognize each person has their own sensory needs. Through our collaboration with Tyler, we hope these bags will assist in creating a welcoming library experience for all."

EVPL Central is home to the library's <u>Sensory Room</u>, a safe place for children with sensory processing differences or other challenging conditions in need of a calm, sensory-friendly space. EVPL also offers our monthly <u>Sensory Storytime</u>.

The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library has served our community for more than a century. With eight locations throughout Vanderburgh County, immediate access to hundreds of thousands of digital resources, and a dedicated team of library professionals, EVPL strives to create opportunities for you to discover, explore, and connect with your library. For more information, visit evpl.org.

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