<u>Minnesota Masonic Children's Clinic for Communication Disorders</u> is thrilled to collaborate with the Duluth Public Library on this "social stories" project. Social stories are learning tools that share social information with a person in a respectful and positive way, usually conveying an idea, expectations of others and/or strategies to try while engaging in everyday life events, such as a trip to the library.

The Minnesota Masonic Children's Clinic and Duluth Public Library staff offer you these resources in an effort to help all individuals to successfully access the many things the Duluth Public Library has to offer.

There are two stories. One has an "everything but the kitchen sink" feel. It is a thorough visual and written explanation of the opportunities at the Mt. Royal Branch Library. The second story has many of the same pictures, but is designed for children with simpler language. You can print the stories out for your own use, read them on our website, or check them out from the Mt. Royal Branch Library.

The last resource allows a caregiver to create a visual schedule for their visit to the Mt. Royal Branch Library to include only those things they have planned. You can cut apart the pictures and put them in the order you'd like to help show your child what you are going to do during your visit to the library.

We hope that these stories are beneficial tools for you to use, and welcome your feedback.

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Our mission is to provide accessible and personalized state-of-the-art services to children who are in need of improving communication abilities, and support their caregivers, in order to increase each child's learning potential, social engagement and quality of life.