Join Us for a Community Event!

Some of the most prominent community organizations across Nashville have developed accessibility and inclusivity initiatives focused on better supporting individuals with autism and other disabilities and their families. This Inclusion Network of Nashville (INN) led by Vanderbilt Kennedy Center TRIAD provides:

- Community Contact and Resources Directory
- Inclusive/Sensory-Friendly Events

Please join us for a fun day in our community meeting other families!

For information, call (615) 322-6027 or email lauren.weaver@vanderbilt.edu
TRIAD Community Engagement Events Spring 2018

Nashville Public Library
Sensory Friendly Events
Throughout the Spring, sensory friendly story times, movie screenings, and other shows will be available to families. Supports available on our website. Visit the online event calendar for specific dates and branch locations:
https://library.nashville.org/events

The Snowy Day and Other Stories
Sat., February 3, 2018, 2 p.m.
Nashville Children’s Theatre
Sensory-friendly performance of an adaptation of Whistle for Willie, Goggles!, A Letter to Amy, and groundbreaking Caldecott Winner The Snowy Day. This uplifting story collection encourages us to play and live life to the fullest each day. Supports available prior to performance on our online resources directory.

Music & Magic
Sat., February 10, 2018, 10 a.m.
Schermerhorn Symphony Center
It’s a magical morning of music, including The Sorcerer’s Apprentice, the Overture to The Magic Flute and “Flight to Neverland.” Show up early for fun, family-friendly pre-concert activities, including our Instrument Petting Zoo, crafts, a book nook, and much more.

Jump Frog Jump
Sun., February 18, 2018, 2 and 2:30 p.m.
Performances Nashville Ballet
Based on the popular children’s book of the same name by Robert Kalan, this exciting tale of a frog and friends retraces from the beginning each time a new character is added. This energetic and humorous ballet is completely narrated and incorporates children from the audience as they instruct the frog to jump for his safety! The repetitive dialogue of the story helps to build important memory skills, while the art of dance, drama, and visual art “bring science to life” with lessons on bugs, reptiles and other pond creatures.

The Enchanted Forest
Sat., February 24, 2018, 2 p.m.
Nashville Opera
During this modified performance, you will escape to The Enchanted Forest where we invite you to help create each performance and join in the magic of every show! The Enchanted Forest takes audience members on an epic adventure to help save the forest from a fire-breathing dragon! Supports available at the performance and on our online resources directory.

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Air Play
Thurs., March 8, 2018, 10:30 a.m.
Tennessee Performing Arts Center,
James K. Polk Theater
Created with an air sculptor, this modified nonverbal performance features superb stage craft. Umbrellas, oversized kites, and fabrics dance in the air. Ride the wind and reach the skies with a modern spectacle that brings to life the air you breathe. The show is about one hour in length and offers a fun and meaningful experience for both families and school groups. Recommended for ages seven and up. Tickets $8 for children and adults. For information about support resources for this performance and to purchase tickets, contact (615) 687-4288.

Mockingbird
Sat., March 17, 2018, 2 p.m.
Nashville Children’s Theatre
This sensory-friendly performance tells the story of Caitlin, an 11-year-old with Asperger’s Syndrome, who used to rely on her older brother to help make sense of the world, but now that he’s gone, she’s all on her own. Soaring with heart and humor, Mockingbird is a breathtaking production about the differences that make us who we are and how black and white can always be complemented by a kaleidoscope of colors.

Sensory-Friendly Easter Egg Hunt
Sat., March 31, 2018, 3:30 p.m.
Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage, Lawn of Tulip Grove Mansion
Activities include the egg hunt, photos with the Easter Bunny, cookie decorating, crafts, lawn games, and storytime! Tickets available online and cash only at the gate. $10 participating kids and $5 adults. Infants are free. Event admission does not include general admission to The Hermitage. Face painting and refreshment vendors also will be available for additional purchase.

Autism Awareness Night at The Hermitage
Sat., April 7, 2018, 4-8 p.m.
Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage
The Hermitage will be offering exclusive after-hours admission open to all individuals on the autism spectrum or anyone with ANY special need (developmental or physical) and their families. Enjoy private access to over 1,100 acres of spacious grounds, historic Mansion, slave cabins, and outbuildings, as well as the award-winning “Born for a Storm” museum exhibit and new film “Jackson!” In addition to the regular tour offerings, guests can enjoy historic activities, meet farm animals, and kids’ games on the lawn. Social Stories, visual supports, and modified maps available at www.thehermitage.com.

Autism Awareness Day at the Zoo
Sun., April 29, 2018, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Nashville Zoo
Autism Awareness Day is included with Zoo admission or membership and offers family-oriented animal experiences and activities throughout the Zoo until 4 p.m.

Dragons Love Tacos
Sat., May 5, 2018, 2 p.m.
Nashville Children’s Theatre
A sensory-friendly performance, adapted from the New York Times bestseller, Dragons Love Tacos is a deliciously funny tale of new friends and the perfect snack, and full of fiery fun for your entire family.

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Get more information about current and future events with our Community Partners at:
vkc.mc.vanderbilt.edu/vkc/triad/ceievents/