

PLANETARIUM SENSORY GUIDE

At The Reading Public Museum

Welcome to the Neag Planetarium at the
Reading Public Museum!

The Planetarium can be overwhelming when preparing to visit. We have compiled this guide to help make your visit to The Planetarium more enjoyable.



Planetarium Schedule

Monday–Friday

- 2 p.m. One World, One Sky: Big Birds big Adventure
- 3 p.m. Astronaut
- 4 p.m. The Sun: Our Living Star

Sunday

- 1 p.m. One World, One Sky: Big Birds big Adventure
- 2 p.m. Astronaut
- 3 p.m. The Sun: Our Living Star
- 4 p.m. Europe to the Stars

Tips

- The Planetarium can get dark and loud it is perfectly ok to leave during a show if you or your child are feeling scared or overwhelmed.
- We recommend sitting in one of the front rows or on the end of a row if you feel you may want to leave during the show or sit on the floor.
- Sensory kits are available to borrow at The Museum admissions desk.



MUSEUM SENSORY GUIDE

To The Reading Public Museum

Welcome to the Reading Public Museum!

The Museum covers a broad range of subjects, and can be overwhelming when preparing to visit. We have compiled this guide to help make your visit to The Museum more enjoyable.

We Welcome.....

- Learners of all ages and abilities
- Kids being kids
- Fidgets and other sensory devices

We Encourage.....

- Exploration
- Asking before touching
- Trying to use walking feet
- Curiosity and questions



Tips

- It can feel chilly in The Museum. Temperatures vary from gallery to gallery. We recommend dressing in layers or bringing along a sweater.
- Sensory kits are available to borrow at The Museum admissions desk. Sensory maps are also available at the admissions desk.
- Snacks can be enjoyed in The Museum atrium or outside in the Arboretum at one of the picnic tables. There are snacks available for purchase in the Museum Gift Shop as well.



MUSEUM STORY

Soon, I will visit the Museum! This is a story about what I will see, and who I will meet..

Many people go to museums. There may be a line of people going inside when I get there. I will wait with my adult while we check in.

There are many ways to keep people in the right place at a museum. A “right place” is any place that is safe for people, and the special things on display.

Museums use *barriers* to help keep me and the special things on display safe. A barrier may be a railing, low wall or rope. Or, it may be a glass case that has a sign. The sign always says, “Please Do Not Touch.” What the sign and the rail mean are, “Please do not touch the special things you see!” The sign and the rail help keep people in the right place.

There are lots of people who work in a museum! I will recognize these people because they will be wearing **BLUE** shirts that say Reading Public Museum or an ID tag. I will also see security guards. The security guards do not wear Museum shirts, they wear a different type of uniform. They help to keep me and the museum safe!

I can ask my friends who work at The Museum any questions I have. I will explore the Reading Public Museum with my adult. There will be activities that have me touch and feel things, and activities that have me move my body.

Knowing what to expect helps me know what to do.

PLANETARIUM STORY

Soon, I will visit the Neag Planetarium at the Reading Public Museum! This is a story about what I will see, and who I will meet.

Many people go to planetariums. There may be a line of people going inside when I get there. I will wait with my adult while we check in.

My first stop will be at the admissions desk at the Reading Public Museum, this is where I will get my ticket to see the planetarium show.

The Neag Planetarium is in a different building from The Reading Public Museum. After I get my ticket, I will walk with my adult across the parking lot to The Planetarium building.

When I get to the Planetarium building, I will enter the lobby where I can explore an exhibit about space weather.

When it is time for the planetarium show to start, I will go into the planetarium chamber with my adult, I will sit in a big black chair and look up at the ceiling.

When I look at the ceiling in the planetarium, I will see stars, watch sky pictures, and listen to music. I will also hear someone talk about the stars I can see in the sky tonight!

The planetarium can get really dark and loud but I know that it is OK to leave my chair and sit on the floor, or even go out into the Planetarium lobby and take a break if I need to.

Knowing what to expect helps me know what to do.