Welcome Back!

— Over the past month, the CDR Library acquired seven new titles (See sidebar and other pages for annotations.)

We received a total of 70 reference questions; 14 research questions; 33 check-out requests; 15 renewal requests; distributed 83 web articles and/or journal printouts; and, handed out 111 pamphlets!!! Finally, we had 7 new patrons join the library!

— I was thrilled to host Karen Irick, Dr. Ferrante, and the COCA group this past month here at the library. In addition to briefly discussing the library itself, we discussed the new CDR web site in general and the COCA Program page in detail. Again, the URL for the new CDR web site is: http://uscm.med.sc.edu/cdrhome/

Please check it out and by all means feel free to email/call me about suggestions.

— This month should prove to be nice and busy at the library—we will begin hosting high school library tours, starting January 10th. Moreover, all of the CDR folks will have their annual CDR Retreat on January 11th, from 9am-1pm, which hopefully will prove useful in encouraging all of us to collaborate and communicate even more!

January is National Birth Defects Prevention Month

Check out these titles on Birth Defects:

• Is it in your Genes?: The Influence of Genes on Common Disorders and Diseases that Affect you and your Family (2004)


• The Encyclopedia of Genetic Disorders and Birth Defects (2000)

• The Child with Multiple Birth Defects (1997)


• Alcohol-related Birth Defects (1994)

• Before we are Born: Essentials of Embryology and Birth Defects (1993)
Spotlight on these New Additions...

— Created for teachers (K-12), parents, and school personnel, this important resource contains the most current information on AD/HD. It is filled with strategies found to be the most effective in minimizing the problems and optimizing the success of children and teens with ADHD.

— What’s it like to live with hidden disabilities? Through the author’s struggles in all aspects of her life, you’ll gain insight into the emotional turmoil of living with hidden disabilities and be inspired by her abilities to confront and accept them.

Without Pity: A Film about Abilities (2005).
— This HBO documentary, narrated by Christopher Reeve, celebrates the efforts of people with disabilities to live full, productive lives. We meet a cross section of Americans. This program applauds the resilience and potential of people with disabilities, and their determination to be self-sufficient.

“Happy”  “New”  “Year”

From: American Sign Language’s Phrases
Spotlight on these New Additions...

King Gimp (2005). — Dan Keplinger was born with Cerebral Palsy. At 12, 2 filmmakers began documenting his life for 13 years. An uplifting epic of triumph over adversity, the program is also a portrait of an artist’s birth, since it was Dan’s discovery of painting and drawing that freed his spirit of expression from the prison of his body.

No Body’s Perfect: Everybody’s Special (2005). — The video promotes inclusion and acceptance, offering interviews with 3 kids with different types of disabilities. They talk about their self-esteem issues and the prosthetics they use. The CD-ROM offers another dimension. The activity-oriented teacher’s guide makes it a total disability awareness package.

Leisure Works! Expanding Options for People with Developmental Disabilities (2002). — At home or at school this program provides a step-by-step guide to help adults develop a personalized leisure plan. With 12 easy-to-follow lessons, the video and workbook show participants how to find new activities, learn new skills, and overcome leisure obstacles.

"If minds are truly alive they will seek out books, for books are the human race recounting its memorable experiences, confronting its problems, searching for solutions, drawing the blueprints of its futures." — Harry Overstreet
Spotlight on these New Additions...

Dr. Temple Grandin on Visual Thinking, Sensory, Careers and Medications (2002).
— This DVD contains Dr. Temple Grandin’s successful video series. Temple describes the challenges she faced and offers ideas on how others dealing with autism can improve their quality of life. She is an inspiration and role model to many persons with autism. This edition includes Temple offering a personal view into her life.

Views from our Shoes: Growing up with a Brother or Sister with Special Needs (1997).
— 45 siblings share their experience as the brother or sister of someone with a disability. Their personal tales introduce young siblings to others like them, and allow them to compare experiences.

— This book begins with an overview of ADHD diagnosis. Each subsequent chapter reframes certain ADHD symptoms in a positive way. It also includes exercises to help parents cope with any feelings of failure they may be experiencing.

—About the Library—

The library is a collaborative effort between BabyNet/South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the Center for Disability Resources, the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, and the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library. The CDR Library consists of books, videos, brochures, and audiotapes covering a variety of disability-related topics. The Center for Disability Resources Library is located within the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library on Garners Ferry Road.