Greetings Everyone!
— Over the past month, the CDR Library acquired five new titles (See sidebar and other pages for annotations.)
— We received a total of 70 reference questions; 15 research questions; 58 checkout requests; 19 renewal requests; distributed 59 web articles and/or journal printouts; and, handed out 691 pamphlets!!!. Finally, we had 65 new patrons join the library!
— The SCAT Conference on March 30th was an amazing event. Everyone should make it a point to thank Mary Alice and all of the other SCATP folks who worked so hard on organizing what, for me, was one of the best conferences I have been to yet. From this one event, the CDR Library gained 51 new patrons! (That’s 37 more than we got over the entire past month...) I am already looking forward to next year’s conference...

April is National Autism Awareness Month

Check out these titles on Autism:
• Autism: Effective Biomedical Treatments (2005)
• Making Peace with Autism (2005)
• The Science and Fiction of Autism (2005)
• Autism is a World [DVD] (2004)
• Incentives for Change: Motivating People with Autism to Learn and Gain Independence (2004)
Spotlight on these New Additions...

— Trusted, respected source of information on Autism and other conditions within the spectrum of Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD). Supports parents in their efforts to secure the brightest possible future for their child. A must-have reference.

— Michael is a four year old boy with Autism. His older brother, Thomas, doesn’t understand why Michael behaves the way he does. The therapist teaches Thomas how to play with Michael, making sibling time fun again.

— A book incorporating impeccable research and common sense for people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), their parents, and professionals who work with them. Presented in an easy-to-read format, this is a must have book for everyone new to ASD.

Words of Wisdom
~10 Things I have learned about life while raising autistic children~

1. Autism or not, they are still a blessing.
2. That there is no such thing as “normal”.
3. No two are alike.
4. How autistic I really am.
5. If I stay calm, it will have a domino effect.
6. Don't stay in denial, no one gets better there.
7. Major the major’s and minor the minor's (in other words, don't sweat the small stuff).
8. A sense of humor is EVERYTHING.
9. That a simple smile can tell me more than any one word.
10. Miracles happen everyday if you know where to look.
Toilet Training for Individuals with Autism and Related Disorders (2004)
— People with Autism have been reported by researchers as being the most difficult population to toilet train. This book offers effective strategies for teaching toileting skills. You will learn how to teach the person to overcome fear of the bathroom, prevent repeated flushing,

— Speaks to children’s wishes and the choices parents can make to honor them. Focuses on the importance of sensory issues, addresses the infamous “meltdowns,” and provides techniques to construct a visual strategy to help a child to navigate his day.

— This special program explores the incredible strain autism places on the entire family, and documents the Pichettes’ personal struggles as they care for their autistic son. The family discusses their determined quest to provide their son with the best care and education.
New Books and Videos

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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.

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Cordially Invites You To Attend

Celebrating Abilities: An Evening of Jazz and Art

Friday, April 28, 2006
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Featuring:
The Skipp Pearson Jazz Ensemble
Artwork for Silent Auction by South Carolinians with Disabilities
Live Auction ~P&EA Annual Awards
Serious Hors D'oeuvres
Wine & Beer
Dessert & Coffee Bar

~ $50.00 per person ~

[Link to registration]

Family Connection of South Carolina asks for your help in supporting our annual Benefit Dinner and Auction by donating a valued item from your establishment. This wonderful event will be held Sunday, April 30, 2006 at The Millstone at Adams Pond. For more information, please call: 803-252-0914 or toll free at: 1-800-578-8750.