The Library’s Latest: A Note from the Coordinator

—Over the past month the library had the following circulation statistics:

- Checkouts: 36
- Renewals: 17
- Information Requests: 127
- Web articles/printouts sent out: 168
- Pamphlets sent out: 416
- New Patrons: 57
- Mediated Searches: 4
- Out of State Requests: 22
- Web Page Visits: 781

—I exhibited at the South Carolina Assistive Technology Conference this past month. As usual, the conference had some amazing technology exhibits and was run beautifully by my colleagues at the SCATP. Good job everyone!

See What’s New at the CDR Blog!

Breaking news stories:

- Possible Treatment For Neurological Disorder Rett Syndrome -- Most Common Basis Of Autism In Girls
- MMR doctor Andrew Wakefield fixed data on autism
- Pro Parent Calendar Workshops 2009
- Cognitive Rehabilitation Helps People with Acquired Brain Injury
- Schizophrenia,

We may sit in our library and yet be in all quarters of the earth. ~John Lubbock

Bipolar Disorder: Gene Link?

Check out these and much more at:

http://cdrlibraryblog.blogspot.com!

New Additions to the CDR Library

- Babies with Down Syndrome (2008)
- Providing practical Support for People with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Supported Living in the Community (2008)
**Spotlight on These New Additions...**

- **Autism: The Musical (2008)**
  
  “Directed for HBO by Tricia Regan, but truly the brainchild of the vision—and sheer will—of Elaine Hall, the film is both unflinching in its portrayal of autism, and triumphant in the ways it shows connections among the film’s subjects. For those dealing with autism—and as the diagnosis grows more common, that would be nearly everyone—this film is enlightening, engaging, and reaffirming.”

- **The Gift of ADHD Activity Book (2007)**
  
  “The chapters of the book are organized by strengths that can be developed in a child. There is a short discussion of the importance of each strength, and then the book offers simple activities that parents do with their child—often in just a few minutes—to help develop them. Throughout the book strikes a positive note, stressing things that parents can do themselves to encourage and support their child rather than things they should discourage or avoid.”

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**Kristin's Book Review**

**Different Croaks for Different Folks: All about children with special learning needs**

by Midori Ochiachi

The first picture in this book is a group of tadpoles who are all different from each other. Using frogs as metaphors for children with disabilities, the author takes us through several lessons. A confusing situation is presented. It is then explained and broken into steps for improvement. The visuals help to explain the situation. For example, lesson three is for children having trouble socializing. A bubble is drawn around two frog faces with different expressions to show people can have different emotions from each other. Advice for adult caretakers as well is woven into the lesson. The second section of the book is advice for adult caretakers. It is divided into sections by specific difficulty and refers back to the lessons. The author says, “Imagine that you are alone in a foreign country and do not speak or understand the language.” This book is a positive outlook on helping those with developmental disabilities.
Spotlight on these New Additions…

- **Providing practical Support for People with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Supported Living in the Community (2008)**
  - Edwards details the experiences of individuals with autism spectrum disorders, and its effects on their lives, so that careers, family, and professionals can support them better. Describing her own experiences with her son and other examples, she explains common difficulties in communication, social situations, everyday tasks, health, and understanding and interpreting information, and areas in society that can improve support to them, such as education, employment, and the legal system. Edwards is a counselor and special education teacher.

- **Babies with Down Syndrome (2008)**
  - “The trustworthy guide which has benefited thousands of families since it was first published in 1985, is completely revised and updated in a new, third edition. Covering the best practices for raising and caring for children with Down syndrome through age five, this book is invaluable to new parents who have welcomed a baby with Down syndrome into their lives. This new edition incorporates the latest scientific, medical, educational research, and practical information available, as well as parents suggestions and feedback.”

“I find that a great part of the information I have was acquired by looking something up and finding something else on the way.”

-Franklin P. Adams-
Kelly's Book Review

Nobody’s Perfect, written by Nancy B. Miller is about how no one is perfect. Everybody makes mistakes. I didn’t read this whole book. But I read a chapter about brothers and sisters. Brothers and sisters go through phases.

A lot of sisters or brothers don’t talk to each other. For example: Lets say that you are on the phone with your friends and your brother or sister comes in your room. Do you think they would hang up the phone and talk to their brother or sister? Think about it. I don’t think so. I’m an expert on brothers or sisters. I know what it’s like to have someone bug you all the time. You just want to have your own life. But you also have to have family in your life too. You don’t always have to hang out with your family. I know I don’t want to. But lets say that your parents die. And all you have left is your brother and your sister. They should always be there for you.

So what I’m saying is that you can have a social life and a family life. One of my best friends is my brother. I like hanging out with him. But not all the time. Your brother or sister should support you in anything you want. Especially if you don’t know how to drive. They could take you places. I got all of this from the book Nobody’s Perfect. I can relate to this author. Nancy Miller is a really great author. She can relate to all of us. And she could help a lot of people. So I think you readers should read her book “Nobody’s Perfect”.

—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.
An Evening & Morning with Office of Civil Rights (OCR)

Sponsored by: PRO-Parents of South Carolina

Alexander Choi - Attorney
U.S Department of Education- Office of Civil Rights
Washington, DC

Evening session: April 21, 2009 -5:30-8:30pm
Location: PRO-Parents Office
652 Bush River Road. Suite 203. Columbia, SC 29210
(In person and conference call)
Telephone number: 1-877-275-6071
Pass code: 9138031

And/OR

Morning session: April 22, 2009 9:00am-12:00pm
Location: William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute
1800 Colonial Drive. Columbia, SC 29203
(In person only!)

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