Greetings everyone!

I am sad to report that our new Web Services Specialist, Caroline Stephens, has decided to leave us to focus on her library degree. We wish her all of the best as she continues towards becoming a professional librarian.

The library circulation statistics for the month of July are as follows:

- Requests: 73
- Checkouts: 41
- Renewals: 21
- New patrons: 7
- Pamphlets sent out: 226
- Articles sent out: 69
- ILL Requests: 3

The Library’s Latest:

Hope everyone’s ready for a new school year approaching!

Scientists Eye An Enzyme as Target in Fighting Autism

“Chicago (AFP)-U.S. researchers have reversed the symptoms of mental retardation and autism in mice by inhibiting an enzyme that affects the connections between brain cells.”

To view entire article, please visit:
http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/ushealthautism
New Books...

—“This workbook focuses on techniques and strategies that parents, with children between the ages of birth to five years old, can do to enhance their children’s thinking, language and social skills.”

—“Focuses on the complex and varied effects on learning and behavior that result when a child with an autism spectrum disorder is also visually impaired.”

“Provides general and special education teachers with strategies for teaching students with mild disabilities. It includes learning strategies, curriculum-based measurement, assessment, co-teaching, and much more.”

Perspectives in Autism
October 12-13, 2007
Columbia Conference Center, Columbia, SC
For questions and comments, call SCAS (803) 750-6988

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“Reading more than life teaches us to recognize ethos and pathos.”
~Mason Cooley~
New Books...

The Elephant In the Playroom (2007).
— “In this book, moms and dads from across the country write intimately and honestly about the joyful highs and disordered lows of raising a child with special needs.”

A Road to Independence [DVD] (2005).
— This broadcast traces the stories of 8 older students with special needs and their personal growth as they work toward independence. They are participating in a Penn State program where they spend their days on campus, gaining critical life skills with age-appropriate peers.

— “A purposeful book of tips, reflections, and quotes, this guide is based upon anecdotal observations of educators with years of resourceful experiences to share with others in the teaching profession.”

“Reading a book is like re-writing it for yourself.”
~ Angela Carter~
“Reading is not a duty, and has consequently no business to be made disagreeable.” —Augustine Birrell

**New Books...**

**The Temperament Perspective (2005).** — “This practical guide is based on the supposition that once you understand the basics of temperament, you can use that knowledge to address children’s behavior challenges and improve classroom interactions.”

**Touchpoints: The Essential Reference (1992).** — “This child-care reference offered by Dr. Terry Brazelton offers parents a complete understanding of child development from a physical, cognitive, emotional, and behavioral point of view.”

**Unstrange Minds (2007).** — “This global exploration of autism by a scientist-and father of an autistic child-shows that the epidemic holds surprising new promise for better diagnosis and treatment. It documents his quest to find out why autism is more common today, and to uncover the implications of the increase.”

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**Up and Coming Forums!**

Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Statewide Listening Forums

Tuesday, August 7, 2007
6:30-8:00 pm
Midlands Regional Center, 8301 Farrow Road, Columbia, SC
Call 803-935-7502 for directions

Service theme: Self-advocacy—listening to consumers and self-advocates of all ages who receive DDSN-funded services
High Tech Bionic Hand
Invented in England

Until now, amputees have been fitted with artificial hands that use a thumb and two fingers to produce a simple, claw grip, however, the British invented iLimb allows patients to control five digits separately, using tiny muscle movements picked up by electrodes attached to the forearm.

To view entire article, please visit:

Getting In Touch: Virtual Maps for the Blind

Researchers in Greece have developed a new system that converts video into virtual, touchable maps for the blind. The three-dimensional maps use force fields to represent walls and roads so the visually impaired can better understand the layout of buildings and cities.

To view entire article, please visit:
http://www.sciam.com/article.cfm?articleID=BDC29B20-E7F2-99DF-3C6EC4B5008F1FE9

—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.