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The Library’s Latest:
A Note from the Coordinator

Greetings Everyone!
I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving.
(Can you believe it is about to be a new year?!?) Anyways…
For this month’s greeting, I wanted to start off by taking a moment to thank my two wonderful graduate assistants, Rebecca Eells and Morgan Montgomery, for all of their hard work over this past semester.
Thanks you two!
Also, I wanted to announce that shortly we will start featuring a number of new supported employment books for the collection. Once they are catalogued and processed into the system, these titles should nicely supplement the supported employment section. So be on the look out for these in subsequent newsletters.

The library circulation statistics for the month of November are as fol-

Top 10 Checkouts of 2006

1. 1001 Great Ideas for Teaching and Raising Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders
2. The Out-of-Sync Child: Recognizing and Coping with Sensory Integration Dysfunction
3. How to Reach and Teach ADD/ADHD Children
4. Asperger Syndrome: Living Outside the Bell Curve (DVD)
5. Daily Life Therapy: A Method of Educating Autistic Children
6. Autism and Play
7. Making a difference: Behavioral Intervention for Autism
8. Giggle Time: Establishing the Social Connection: A Program to Develop the Communication Skills of Children with Autism, Asperger Syndrome, and PDD
9. King Gimp (DVD)
10. What Goes Up—Surviving the Manic Episode of a Loved One
— The primary purpose of this book is to teach people with development disorders how to have healthy friendships, romantic relationships, and safe sex.

A Different Kind of Perfect: Writings by Parents on Raising a Child with Special Needs (2006).
— “Voices of parents who speak with deep honesty about their grief and gratitude, anger and exaltation... Offers wisdom that speaks not only to parents and families of children with special needs but to anyone who wants to learn how to live gracefully with disappointment.”

— “The all-in-one handbook on guiding and supporting employment choices! Self-determination must be part of daily practice in supported employment and transition programs — and this easy-to-use guide shows professionals how to make it happen.”

“I go into my library, and all history unrolls before me.” ~ Alexander Smith ~

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Spotlight on these New Additions...

— “Home fire safety materials specifically for...adults who are deaf. Has English language voice over for Susan and Kristina the ASL ‘stars’, opening captioning, and the option for no captioning.”

— “The most understandable, complete and up-to-date guide for an otherwise very confusing and frustrating condition...clear and concise approach manages to cover just about all aspects of this disease.”

— “In the first book of its kind, experts describe how to help people with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. ...This book acknowledges the diverse and multifaceted needs of people with FAS/FAE across the life-span.”

“Books are like imprisoned souls till someone takes them down from a shelf and frees them.” — Samuel Butler~

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— “One of the best books on autism ever written by a parent or researcher...If you want to know what classic autism is like, close-up and personal — and how autism can provide deep philosophical insights about your own consciousness — then read this book.”

**The Educators’ In-Service Program on Understanding Tourette Syndrome** 2 CD set (2002).

— “A step by step How To manual with 400 pages of instructions, explanations, examples, games and cards that attack language weaknesses common to children with pervasive developmental disor-

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Christmas
Start right hand “C” palm down; flip, moving arm right, to palm up, from shoulder to shoulder
Dasher

This article was provided by Janet Jendron.

Dasher is an information-efficient text-entry interface, driven by natural continuous pointing gestures. Dasher is a competitive text-entry system wherever a full-size keyboard cannot be used - for example,
- when operating a computer one-handed, by joystick, touchscreen, trackball, or mouse;
- when operating a computer with zero hands (i.e., by head-mouse or by eyetracker);
- on a palmtop computer;
- on a wearable computer.

The eyetracking version of Dasher allows an experienced user to write text as fast as normal handwriting - 29 words per minute; using a mouse, experienced users can write at 39 words per minute.

Dasher can be used to write efficiently in any language.

Dasher is free software. It’s hard to explain; you really need to see a demonstration.

Here’s the web site:
http://www.inference.phy.cam.ac.uk/dasher/

A good movie demonstration is at
http://www.inference.phy.cam.ac.uk/dasher/Demonstrations.html

Under the "Movies for Windows systems"
Choose “Streaming video demonstration (1.5 mins asf) including audio commentary.”

download the equipment loan form
at http://www.sc.edu/scatp/documents/Loan_Form5.doc

---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.