To all of our patrons, I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful holiday! See everyone “next year”!

—Consider borrowing some of our popular titles listed to the left. And as usual, we have many new ones coming in soon, so keep your eyes peeled...

—We received a total of 79 reference questions; 34 research questions; 24 check-out requests; 17 renewal requests; distributed 89 web articles and/or journal printouts; and, handed out 144 pamphlets!!! Finally, we had 3 new patrons join the library!

—Many of the other USC School of Medicine librarians and I traveled to Charleston this past month to attend the SC Chapter of the Medical Librarian Association. Roz and I presented a poster all about the CDR Library Blog, and how other medical libraries can incorporate blogs into their outreach efforts. Overall, it was a great networking conference, which, of course, included some wonderful low country fare…:)

The Library’s Latest:
A Note from the Coordinator

From the CDR Library Stacks

December 2007

Center for Disability Resources Library

Top Ten Checkouts of 2007

Open Futures: Employees with Disabilities (2006, DVD)
Open Futures: People with Disabilities (2003, DVD)
Toilet Training for Individuals with Autism And Related Disorders (1998)
At the Gates of Autism (2000 DVD)
PATH Training Video: Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope (1994)
PATH: A Workbook for Planning Positive Possible Futures (1993)
Signing Time! (2004, 6 videos and 2 CDs)

See What’s New at the CDR Blog!

Breaking news stories:

• First Steps Towards Spinal Cord Reconstruction Following Injury Using Stem Cells
• Stem Cells Can Improve Memory After Brain Injury
• Genes Influence Age-related Hearing Loss
• Obesity-related Hormone Is Higher In Children With Down Syndrome
• Pro-Parents Calendar of Workshops
• New Treatment Holds Promise for Tourette Syndrome
• Epilepsy-induced Brain Cell Damage Prevented in the Laboratory
• Slower Brain Maturity Seen in ADHD Kids
• Major U.S. Autism Study

“Reading to kids is to ordinary reading what jazz is to a string quartet.” — Sean Wilentz

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Get Under Way

• Treadmill Training Helps Down Syndrome Babies Walk Months Earlier

Check out these and much more at http://cdrlibraryblog.blogspot.com!
Spotlight on the Top Ten Checkouts for 2007..

**Signing Time** (2004, 6 videos and 2 CDs)
— “Cousins Alex Brown (who can hear) and Leah Coleman (who is deaf) invites babies and children of all ages to ‘Come sign with us!’ Signing Time! Includes original songs such as ‘Silly Pizza Song’, ‘Rainy Day’, ‘Goodnight Baby’, and ‘Proud to Be Me.’”

**PATH: A Workbook for Planning Positive Possible Futures (1993)**
— “A guide to exciting, creative, colorful futures planning for families, organizations and schools to build caring ‘including’ places to live, work & learn. PATH is an eight step problem solving approach involving dreaming and thinking backwards.”

**PATH Training Video: Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope** — “Exciting, colorful futures planning tool. Developers Jack Pearpoint, John O’Brien, and Marsha Forest demonstrate 8 steps with an individual and his family. An excellent introduction - linked to the PATH Workbook. A must for anyone using PATH.”

**Scientists Envision Growing Human Eyeballs**

“A genetic switch that gives tadpoles three eyes could allow stem-cell scientists to eventually grow human eyeballs or at least create replacement parts needed for repair jobs. If scientists could grow eyeballs from stem cells in the lab, the process would be a boon to individuals with damage to cells within the eye, including retinal disorders. "If you knew all the genes, and how to turn them on, that you needed to make an eye, you could start with very early embryonic cells and turn on all the right genes and grow an eye in a dish," said co-leader of the study Nicholas Dale, a neuroscientist at the University of Warwick in England.”

From [http://www.livescience.com](http://www.livescience.com)
Spotlight on the Top Ten Checkouts for 2007...

— “Music is a unique path to communication and learning for children. Music therapy is the prescribed use of music to address non-musical goals in such areas as cognition, communication, and socialization.”

At the Gates of Autism (2000 DVD)
— “As a child, Temple Grandin was diagnosed as brain-damaged; doctors today would call her autistic. But her condition did not deter her and, she went on to become an expert in animal behavior. This program provides the rare opportunity to hear a person with autism discuss her condition and how she deals with life.”

Toilet Training for Individuals with Autism And Related Disorders (1998)
— “Author Maria Wheeler brings readers an excellent guide through the special difficulties encountered when toilet training an individual with autism. This book offers over 200 toilet training tips, more than 40 case examples, and 40 special ‘cautions.’”

Unshelved
Spotlight on the Top Ten Checkouts for 2007...

**Playing, Laughing, and Learning with Children on the Autism Spectrum (2002)** — “Playing, Laughing, and Learning with Children on the Autism Spectrum shows how to break down activities into manageable stages and looks at ways to gain a child's attention. Each chapter centers on a theme: music, art, reading, physical activities, and puzzles that can be used for toddlers and older children who struggle with play.”

**Open Futures: People with Disabilities (2003, DVD)** — “This DVD encourages young people to set high expectations about work. The DVD program will introduce you to dozens of people with disabilities who describe how they found their paths to successful careers and why they love their jobs.”

**Open Futures: Employees with Disabilities (2006, DVD)** — “Common misinformation and attitudinal barriers prevent people with disabilities from fair opportunities in the job market, but this DVD is a portrait of many real individuals, with a wide range of disabilities, who are productive in the workforce.”

**And the number one check out is...**

**1001 Great Ideas for Teaching and Raising Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (2004)** — “In a snappy, can-do format, the book offers page after page of try-it-now solutions that have worked for thousands of children grappling with social, sensory, behavioral, and self-care issues, plus many more. 5 out of 5 stars on Amazon!”

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“I like books. I was born and bred among them, and have the easy feeling, when I get in their presence, that a stable-boy has among horses.” **Oliver Wendell Holmes**
The 2008 Family Connection 'Of Hopes and Dreams' Conference, expanded to two days of workshops, will be held on February 22 and 23 at the Brookland Banquet and Conference Center in West Columbia, South Carolina. The theme of this year’s conference is "Pulling Together... It Works Wonders!"

The 'Of Hopes and Dreams' Conference brings parents and professionals together to learn about issues and topics concerning those who raise children with special needs.

This year’s conference will also feature a family night social on Friday night at EdVenture Children’s Museum. The family night social is a great opportunity for families to meet, greet, and enjoy fun, food, and EdVenture Children’s Museum. You do not need to be registered for the conference in order to attend the family night social.

Friday’s conference offers three workshop options, and Saturday’s conference offers 19 workshops.

This year’s keynote speaker is Dr. Mark Posey, associate professor of clinical pediatrics in the department of developmental pediatrics in the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. A licensed and certified school psychologist, Mark has 12 years of experience in the public school system working with all areas of special needs, including parents of children with special needs.

To register for this year’s conference, please call (800) 578-8750 or complete the registration form at http://familyconnectionsc.org/programs/annual_conference/ and mail to Family Connection, 2712 Middleburg Drive, Suite 103B, Columbia, SC 29204.