



New Additions to the CDR Library

*Let Me Hear Your
Voice: A Family's
Triumph Over Autism
(1993)*

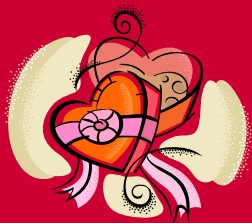
*A New IDEA for
Special Education
Revised:
Understanding the
System and the New
Law (2005, DVD)*

*There's a Boy in Here:
Emerging from the
Bonds of Autism
(2002)*

*Chicken Soup for the
Soul: Children with
Special Needs (2007)*

*Look Me in the Eye:
My Life with
Asperger's (2007)*

*Signing Everyday
Phrases, Revised
Edition (2007)*



From the CDR Library Stacks



February 2008

The Library's Latest: A Note from the Coordinator

—The biggest news to report this month is that the CDR Library is now lending books and videos nationally! People outside of South Carolina may borrow one item at a time, and are responsible for return postage.

—Over the past month, the CDR Library acquired six new titles (See side-bar and other pages for annotations.)

—We received a total of 105 reference questions; 23 research questions; 43 check-out requests; 22 renewal requests; distributed 121

web articles and/or journal printouts; and, handed out 415 pam-



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phlets!!! Finally, we had

79 new patrons join the library! (Special thanks to Katie Smith for gathering the patron sign-up information at past "Making Connections" meetings around the state!) I look forward to presenting at the next one on February 27th, in Anderson.

—Finally, this past month I presented the library's services at Fort Jackson to the Exceptional Families Program. And I am happy to share that ten new patrons signed up from this presentation!

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

"Literature adds to reality, it does not simply describe it." ~C. S. Lewis~

Gets Under Way

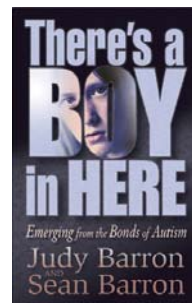
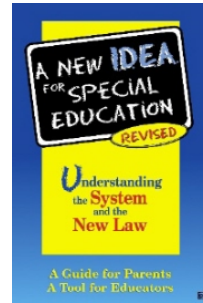
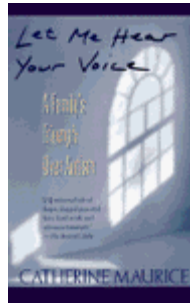
- Treadmill Training Helps Down Syndrome Babies Walk Months Earlier

Check out these and much more at

<http://cdrlibraryblog.blogspot.com>

New Books and Videos

Spotlight on These New Additions...



“The covers of the book are like a roof and four walls. What is to happen next will take place within the four walls of the story.”
~John Berger~

Let Me Hear Your Voice: A Family's Triumph Over Autism (1993)

—“Let Me Hear Your Voice is a mother's illuminating account of how one family triumphed over autism. It is an absolutely unforgettable book, as beautifully written as it is informative.”

A New IDEA for Special Education Revised: Understanding the System and the New Law (2005, DVD)

—“Helps parents and educators understand recent changes to federal laws governing special education. From the beginnings of the process to final placement, each step along the way is fully explained.”

There's a Boy in Here: Emerging from the Bonds of Autism (2002)

—“An unusual point/counterpoint journal by a mother and her son, chronicling the painful years the son suffered from autism and his remarkable recovery...Notable for its window into the thoughts and feelings of an autistic child.”



Kelly's Article



There is a self advocacy group called People on the Go. I have been a member for 5 and a half years. It took me a long time to understand what they do. Now that I understand what they do I got really excited about being apart of that group. I love everything about that group. The events, traveling and going to conferences. It's like going to school. We meet at Red Cross. It's the 2nd Monday of each month. It's more fun than school. You would have to come to the meetings to find out what activities they have coming up. You might want to bring a folder to the meetings. They give you fliers every time you come to the meetings. I can't go without a folder. The only conference I go to is at Myrtle Beach. It's called Pathway to independence. Every thing else is too far away for me. If you want to join People on the Go just bring \$1.00 every month, and call Jackie Robey At (803) 787-0286. <http://www.arcsc.org/pogo.htm>

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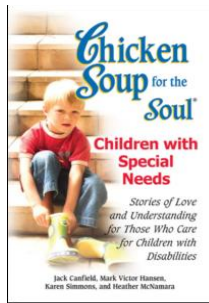
“Books constitute capital. A library book lasts as long as a house, for hundreds of years.”
~Thomas Jefferson~



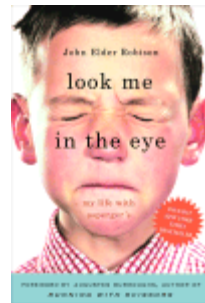
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—“Provide insight, comfort, and connection with others who have walked this powerful and transformational journey... you will be guided with the wisdom of fellow parents, caregivers, and those with special needs to help you be the very best parent or caregiver you can be.”



Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger's (2007)
—“The moving, darkly funny story of growing up with Asperger's at a time when the diagnosis simply didn't exist. A born storyteller, Robison takes you inside the head of a boy whom teachers and other adults regarded as 'defective.'”



Signing Everyday Phrases, Revised Edition (2007)
—“The most convenient and concise way to learn commonly used phrases in sign language. Arranged by topic—including the latest in computer and technological terms—this handy book is an essential reference for communication that teaches users familiar, commonly used phrases.”

SCATP 2008 EXPO

Mark your calendars and spread the word!
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center
March 19, 2008
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

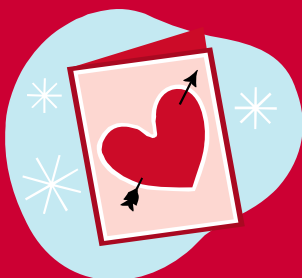
Free and open to the public

See and try the latest devices, equipment, gadgets, and software to help people of all ages live more independently in all areas of life. Attend workshops on topics related to assistive technology for memory, home living, education, literacy, communication, computer access, and mobility. <http://www.sc.edu/scatp/expo/expo08.html>

**New
Books
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Videos**



"Books are the quietest and most constant of friends: they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers."
~Charles W. Eliot~



South Carolina Autism Society

Together We Can Solve The Puzzle

The purpose of the South Carolina Autism Society is to enable all children and adults in South Carolina who have autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) to reach their maximum potential.



Excerpt from Fall Issue of SCAS Update:

New Research

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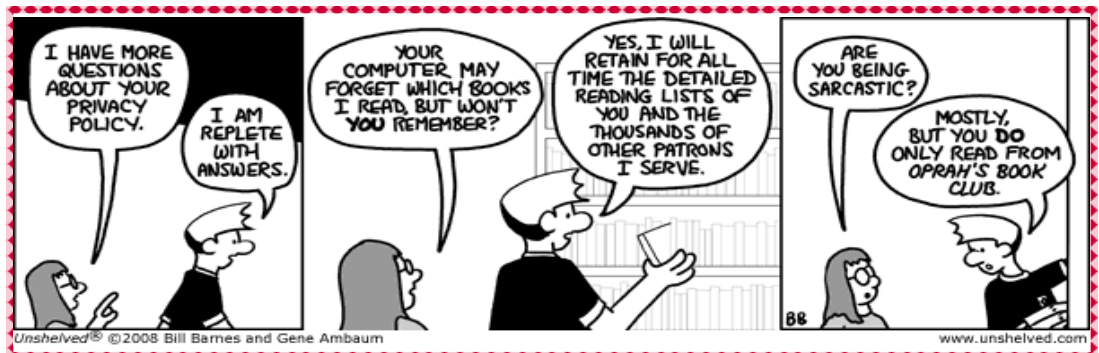
Editor's note: Dr. Abramson is a Fellow of the American College of Medical Genetics and a regular contributor to the Update. She is part of the USC-Duke University team researching the genetics of autism spectrum disorders.

Fall has arrived and, with it, the time for many meetings where autism research and treatment findings are presented. First, thanks to the SC Autism Society for an exciting and informative annual meeting. Recently, I attended the American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) Meeting. At this meeting there were over 40 separate research presentations and an afternoon symposium with notables such as Dr. Ed Cook and Dr. John Constantino, who presented research findings on autism. This highlights the surge of interest in finding the causes and the most effective treatments for autism and the need, as indicated by organizations such as Autism Speaks, for increased research and treatment funding for autism.

Departing from our usual column, part of this report will be devoted to new research and part to some exciting news related to early identification and treatment.

Access the full article at:

<http://www.scautism.org/news/07winter.pdf>





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FamilyConnection South Carolina

2008 Family Connection 'Of Hopes and Dreams' Conference

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.

—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.