Greetings Everyone!

It’s been a slow month in terms of circulation, here. Still, it’s been busy in other ways. I particularly enjoyed the COCA/CDR meeting that we had mid-month. As usual, Karen Irick and Leslie Pyper did a wonderful job organizing everything!

I would like to point out that the South Carolina Autism Society graciously donated the autism-related books featured in last month’s newsletter, and that Carol Neiderhauser did an amazing job in facilitating the gift, which provided us both new and duplicate titles to boost our autism spectrum disorder collection. (See back article)

Finally, I would like to announce that the new shipment of CDR Library pamphlets has arrived; so, if anyone would like to request a bundle of pamphlets for distributing in displays and/or mailouts, just drop me an e-mail or give me a call. The statistics for April are as follows:

- Checkouts: 45; Renewals: 11; Articles sent out: 36; Pamphlets sent out: 12; New patrons: 7; and Reference requests: 51.

May is National Mental Health Month

Check out these titles on Mental Health:

- Women’s Mental Health: A Life-Cycle Approach (2006)
- The Handbook of Training and Practice in Infant and Preschool Mental Health (2005)
- ADHD: A Clinical Guide to Diagnosis and Treatment for Health and Mental Health Professionals (2004)
- Women and Depression (2004)
- Acquainted with the Night: A Parent’s Quest to Understand Depression and Bipolar Disorder in His Children (2004)
- Straight Talk about your Child’s Mental Health: What to do when Something seems Wrong (2003)
Spotlight on these New Additions...


— Dr. Temple Grandin and Sean Barron use their colorful life stories to explain the unwritten rules and patterns of social relationships.

Shelley the Hyperactive Turtle, 2nd ed. (2006).
— Popular, reassuring story for young children who are going through the diagnostic process or who are having problems behaving at school or making friends because of AD/HD. A favorite among people who all seem to enjoy the antics of this wiggly turtle.

Camelot
Benefit Performance for the Arc of South Carolina Advocating for the Rights of Citizens with Special Needs since 1957

Tuesday, May 16, 2006
6:15 p.m. Reception; 7:30 p.m. Performance

Town Theatre
1012 Sumter Street, Columbia, SC
Reserved seating- $20.00 per person
To purchase tickets, please call The Arc at 748-5020
Please consider sponsoring people with special needs to attend the play by making a tax-deductible donation to The Arc of SC.
1823 Gadsden Street, Columbia, SC 29201
Fax: (803) 748-5020; Email: TheArcSC@aol.com
Spotlight on these New Additions...

— Provides teachers, parents, interventionists, therapists, and caregivers with intervention strategies for young children with autism or another pervasive developmental disorder. An educational product that focuses specifically on young children, ages 2 through 5, with autism/PDD.

— Interacts with many parents and professionals who are concerned about individuals with autism of all ages, from kid to adult. Satisfies some thirst for knowledge and brings at least some hope to people with autism, to their families, and to those who teach and work with them.

— At 28, Chris, who lives with multiple disabilities, longs for independence and dreams of the day when he will move out of the family home, as he has watched his siblings do. This is an intimate film that reveals, with raw emotion and surprising humor, the complexity around one young man’s transition toward a more independent life.

“There’s nothing to match curling up with a good book when there’s a repair job to be done around the house.”
Joe Ryan
Spotlight on these New Additions…

— This DVD takes the viewer into the real world of speech in children with Down Syndrome. Through examples, interviews, and stories, it shows how parents and professionals can bring forth better speech.

**Mental Retardation and Intellectual Disabilities: Teaching Students Using Innovative and Research-Based Strategies (2005).**
— The AAMR published a series of monographs translating research to practice in critical issues in the lives of people with mental retardation & intellectual disabilities.

**Teaching by Design: Using Your Computer to Create Materials for Students with Learning Differences (2005).**
— Follow the instructions and design strategies in this book to create over 40 customized educational materials for children and adults with cognitive, sensory, or physical disabilities.

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**Mental Health Facts**

People who have major depression and anxiety disorders are significantly (60 percent) less likely to relapse if they exercise regularly— and continue exercising over time— than if they take medication alone. (Mayo Clinic, 2003)

About 13 percent of children between 9 and 17 years old have an anxiety disorder. (USSG, 1999)

Check out more facts at [http://www.nmha.org/may/index.cfm](http://www.nmha.org/may/index.cfm)
South Carolina Autism Society Donates
Materials for Second Year in a Row

(Columbia, SC – April 2006) - For the second year, the South Carolina Autism Society has donated materials about autism spectrum disorders to public libraries in all of the state's 46 counties.

The society donated five books and two DVDs to the libraries this month with support from the South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council and Autism Speaks, a national organization dedicated to increasing awareness about autism and funding research for a cure.

Autism Speaks provided copies of the DVD, Autism: The Hidden Epidemic?, for the libraries. The DVD is a compilation of NBC News special reports broadcast in 2005.

The Autism Society is providing materials to the libraries in April, designated as Autism Awareness Month by Governor Mark Sanford.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control puts the number of those affected by autism spectrum disorders at 1 in 166 children and adults. This means about 24,000 South Carolinians are affected.

Autism develops early in life and affects the individual's ability to communicate, learn and to interact with others. Unusual behaviors are common. There are no proven causes, although many possible causes are being investigated. Early identification and intervention are critical.

The library materials address autism spectrum disorders in general and issues of particular interest to families who have loved ones with autism. One book is written for children in English and Spanish. About 160 copies of a general book about autism were donated to the county library systems for each of their branches.

In April 2005, the society donated nine books to each of the county systems with support from the Developmental Disabilities Council.

Autism Speaks was founded in 2005 by Suzanne and Bob Wright, who have a grandson with autism. Bob Wright is Vice Chairman and Executive Officer, General Electric, and Chairman and CEO, NBC Universal.

For more information about autism and Autism Awareness Month activities, visit the society's website at www.scautism.org. The South Carolina Autism Society is the only statewide nonprofit organization that advocates for the needs of children and adults with autism spectrum disorders.

—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.