



# From the CDR Library Stacks



May 2009

## \* The Library's Latest: \* A Note from the Coordinator

\* —Over the past  
\* month the library  
\* had the following cir-  
\* culation statistics:

- \* • Checkouts: 40
- \* • Renewals: 13
- \* • Information Re-  
\* quests: 88
- \* • Web articles/  
\* printouts sent  
\* out: 52
- \* • Pamphlets sent  
\* out: 128
- \* • New Patrons: 10
- \* • Mediated  
\* Searches: 2

- Out of State Re-  
quests: 23
- Web Sites' Page  
Visits:

- CDR Library: 382
- Library Blog: 308
- CDR: 288
- TECS: 1445
- Supported Living: 38

**Make sure to check  
out the back page  
description of the  
April 16th open  
house Family Con-  
nection had for its  
new "The Connec-  
tion," South Caro-**



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**lina's first full-service  
support center for  
families.**

**The pictures show  
what a great time  
and turnout they  
had!**

## **New Additions to the CDR Library**

- **Fasten Your Seatbelt:  
A Crash Course on  
Down Syndrome for  
Brothers and Sisters  
(2009)**
- **The Girl Who Spoke  
With Pictures: Au-  
tism Through Art  
(2008)**
- **That Went Well: Ad-  
ventures in Caring  
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- **The Red Beast: Con-  
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Syndrome (2008)**
- **The Horse Boy: A  
Father's Quest to  
Heal His Son (2009)**
- **Dietary Interventions  
in Autism Spectrum  
Disorders (2008)**

## **See What's New at the CDR Blog!**

### **Breaking news stories:**

- Genetic Determinants of  
ADHD Examined
- Hyperbaric Treatment for  
Autism
- Nanotechnology Coating  
Could Lead To Better Brain  
Implants To Treat Diseases
- Doctors Test Targets For  
Deep Brain Stimulation  
In Parkinson Surgery
- Brain Abnormality Found  
In Boys with Attention  
Deficit Hyperactivity  
Disorder
- New Devices Aid Deaf  
People by Translating  
Sound Waves To Vibra-  
tions

**"Learn as much by writing  
as by reading."**

**~Lord Acton**

- New "Smart" Homes  
For Dementia Sufferers
- Schizophrenia Could Be  
Caused By Faulty Signa-  
ling In Brain

**Check out these and  
much more at**  
<http://cdrlibraryblog.blogspot.com!>

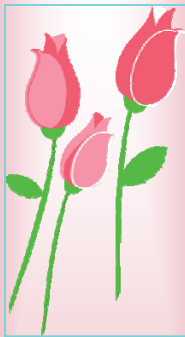


## Spotlight on These New Additions...

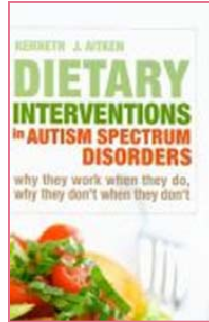
**New  
Books  
and  
Videos**

**“That is a good  
book which is  
opened with  
expectation and  
closed in profit”**

**~Amos Bronson  
Alcott**

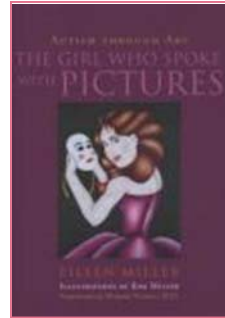


**By  
Kristin  
Florian**



**Dietary Interventions in Autism Spectrum Disorders (2008)**

— “Aitken, a psychologist and expert on ASD and diet takes great care to explore the role of diet in behavior and why diet may help symptoms of ASD from a scientific viewpoint. Each chapter highlights a different diet, explaining the plan, evidence supporting its use, whether it works, and possible problems that may be encountered as well as listing resources for further information. --Lisa M. Jordan, Johnson Cty. Lib., KS --”



**The Girl Who Spoke with Pictures: Autism Through Art (2008)**

—“For many years Eileen Miller's daughter, Kim, was unable to verbalize her experiences and emotions, but she was able to communicate using a less conventional language: her art. The Girl who Spoke with Pictures tells the story of a young woman with autism, and how her enlightening drawings enabled her to share her view of the world. The book is illustrated with drawings created by Kim between the ages of 3 and 17 years old.”



**That Went Well: Adventures in Caring for my Sister (2009)**

—”In this compassionate memoir, Dougan, humor columnist for 13 years penning *Of All Things* for the *Deseret News* in Utah, writes for the first time about her mentally disabled sister, Irene. Influenced by Benchley and Thurber, Terrell is a skilled humorist with amusing anecdotes about Irene, such as her behavior during the family's Venice vacation. Writing with honesty, she is equally impressive in relating the haunting memories of sadness and despair surrounding Irene's darker days.”

## Grant Writing Webinar

**AAIDD and AUCD Webinar for students and early career professionals:**

### **Grant Writing Webinar**

The AAIDD and AUCD held a webinar on March 23, 2009, on grant writing. Carol Curtin MSW and Erik Carter PhD, gave lectures. Both lecturers gave good advice gathered from years of experience with grant writing. Here are some common tips from both lecturers: A project's goals and objectives need to match up with the organization's goals and objectives. It is important to develop a clear plan for grant writing, researching funders, and targeting a proposal.

Carol starts with asking “why write a grant?” Legitimizing projects, training for staff, and advancing professionally, are a few reasons. A grant should be ambitious but feasible. The grant must state why this project will work, and how the success of the plan's outcome will be evaluated.

Erik had some good advice on grant writing for those newly employed in an academic setting. Ask someone who has just received a grant for the paperwork, to see what good grant writing looks like. Start about five months ahead of time to write the grant. Finally, celebrate when the grant is written, it is an accomplishment in and of itself.

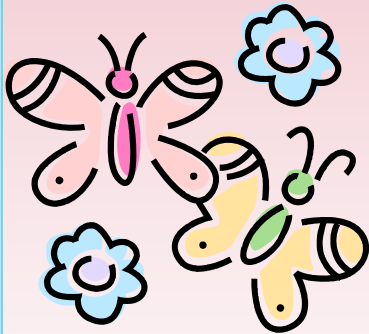


## Spotlight on these New Additions...

### New Books and Videos

“Reading maketh a man full, conference a ready man, and writing a man exact”

~Francis Bacon



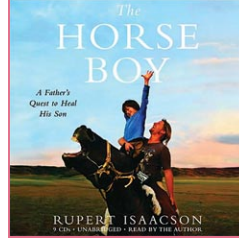
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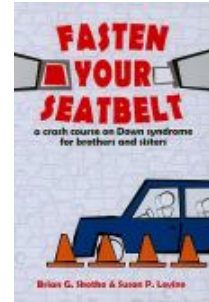
### The Red Beast: Controlling Anger in Children with Asperger's Syndrome (2008)

— “As the mother of a child with an autism spectrum condition, K. I. Al-Ghani has spent over 20 years researching autism and this book includes strategies she has used over the years to help children cope with life on the spectrum. This vibrant fully illustrated children's storybook is written for children aged 5+, and is an accessible, fun way to talk about anger, with useful tips about how to 'tame the red beast' and guidance for parents on how anger affects children with Asperger's Syndrome.”



### The Horse Boy: A Father's Quest to Heal His Son (2009)

— “The Horse Boy is the heart-wrenching true story of the remarkable journey taken by Rupert, his wife, Kristin, and Rowan, his five year old son that has autism, through the untamed landscape of Outer Mongolia. It is an astounding journey, full of challenges, the unexpected, beauty and extraordinary advances. Perhaps more inspiring than the changes Rowan goes through is the power of this father's love for his son. This is an unforgettable story that shows that even in our darkest moments we can discover joy, that healing can arrive in the most unexpected ways.”



### Fasten Your Seatbelt: A Crash Course on Down Syndrome for Brothers and Sisters (2009)

— “Even the closest brothers and sisters don't always get along or understand each other. Add a disability like Down syndrome to the mix, and that sibling relationship gets even more complicated, especially for teenagers. This is the first book written exclusively for teens with a brother or sister with Down syndrome. In an easy-to-read, question & answer format, it tackles a broad range of their most common issues and concerns.”





## News and Events

“ A book should teach us to enjoy life, or to endure it”

~Samuel Johnson



## New Center Supporting Families With Disabilities

On April 16th, Family Connection celebrated the grand opening of The Connection, South Carolina's first full-service support center, dedicated entirely to families raising a child with special needs. The ceremony opened with a presentation from the award-winning Dent Middle School steel band, and was followed by a ceremony that was hosted by Family Connection Staff and children. After the ribbon-cutting ceremony, guests were invited to tour The Connection during a reception. Family Connection used to have a small room for children, and support groups used to be held in the kitchen. Many workshops, trainings, or a visit between two parents would have taken place elsewhere due to limited space.

But now, all of that has changed. Various Midlands organizations generously donated their time and services to make this dream for families a reality. More than \$250,000 in kind contributions by local corporations, companies, community service groups, and individuals made everything possible. The entire space was designed with families and children with disabilities in mind. Support groups, workshops, and other parent gatherings can now take place in a large meeting room. The Connection also features two rooms specifically



for children, teens, or tweens with disabilities. At The Connection, children can safely play while their parents meet for coffee, attend a workshop, or visit a support group.

Family Connection also partnered with the University of South Carolina's Center for Disability resources, and their entire library of over 5,000 volumes will be at the parent's fingertips. Parents can now chat live with a librarian and checkout books directly from The Connection. All of this was made possible by generous individuals and businesses. During these economic times, it is inspiring to see community members come together for such a deserving cause...

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**—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.*