New Additions to the CDR Collection:


**Asperger Syndrome: Living Outside the Bell Curve** (2002).


**Toilet Training for Individuals with Autism and Related Disorders** (2004).


**Views from Our Shoes** (1997).

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**The Library’s Latest: A Note from the Coordinator**

Greetings folks!

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

We received a total of 78 reference questions; 23 research questions; 59 check-out requests; 23 renewal requests; distributed 55 web articles and/or journal printouts; and, handed out 235 pamphlets!!! Finally, we had 15 new patrons join the library!

—I attended the South Carolina Chapter of the American Association of Mental Retardation Conference in Myrtle Beach from October 26th-28th. In addition to a poster exhibiting the CDR Library’s services, I also handed out pamphlets and bookmarks from the National Library of Medicine, which covered such resources as PubMed and MedlinePlus—two excellent electronic resources for medically related questions. Overall, I enjoyed my first trip to Myrtle Beach; I met a number of MR professionals who hopefully will use our services in the future; and, I had eight new patrons at the conference sign-up for the library.

—Thanks to everyone who took the time to fill out our online survey. As of October 31, 2005, we had 199 respondents. The cursory results indicate that nearly everyone is pleased with the collection and quality of service; however, a number of people mentioned that they would like to see more up-to-date audio-visual materials. So, I plan on addressing this concern immediately with my next few collection development orders. Hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving holiday!

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**Monthly Observance: National Epilepsy Awareness Month**

**Check out these related titles:**

- **The Treatment of Epilepsy** (2004).
- **Is it in Your Genes? The Influence of Genes on Common Disorders and Diseases that Affect You and Your Family** (2004).
- **Dotty the Dalmatian has Epilepsy** (1997).
- **Guidelines and General Information on the Use of Psychotropic and Antiepileptic Drugs for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities** (1997).
Spotlight on these New Additions...

**Straight Talk about Autism with Parents and Kids: Childhood and Adolescent Issues (2002).**
— “This two-part DVD-Video features interviews with kids with autism and their parents. They examine the key issues encountered during childhood and adolescence.”

**Asperger Syndrome: Living Outside the Bell Curve (2002).**
— “This DVD looks at Asperger students in general and focuses in on 12-year old Andrew.” Andrew shows that with appropriate supports it’s possible to flourish outside the accepted bell curve.

**The Sibling Slam Book: What it’s Really Like to have a Brother or Sister with Special Needs (2005).**
— Most of the questions in this book are about life with your sibling with special needs. The contributors’ answers are funny, smart, and opinionated.

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**Kelly’s Book Review**

*Amy, the story of a deaf child* is by: LouAnn Walker and Photographs by: Michael Abramson. The story is about Amy and her life. At first her parents didn’t know she was deaf. She was a quiet baby. She didn’t talk the way her brother John had. Her mother and father took her to an audiologist and found out Amy was deaf. Nobody knew how it happened. But Amy’s mother and father knew exactly how to teach her to talk. They are both deaf themselves. Amy wears hearing aids and can lip read. She also had a full-time interpreter to help her understand what the people are saying to her. At the end of this book are a series of photographs showing Amy signing and a list of resources for readers who would like to have more information about this book. I would recommend this book for anyone who can read!
Spotlight on these New Additions...

— “This handbook for parents of children and teenagers with Tourette syndrome offers up-to-date, concrete information and compassionate advice for dealing with what is perhaps one of the most misunderstood and misdiagnosed neurological disorders.”

Russ and the Firehouse (2000).
— The 2nd book in the children’s series, A Day with Russ, is a hit! Join Russ as he goes on duty for the day at a real firehouse. Russ, who has Down Syndrome, visits his Uncle Jerry’s firehouse. Russ and Uncle Jerry work on various chores at the firehouse. See Russ spray the fire hose, help wash the dog, and do other exciting things.

— Individuals with autism have been reported by researchers as being the most difficult population to toilet train. This book offers effective strategies for teaching toileting skills.

All that mankind has done, though, gained or been: it is lying as in magic preservation in the pages of books.
- Thomas Carlyle

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— Leading psychologists explain how to work with your child’s paradoxical combination of precocious talents and social difficulties to help him or her learn to engage more fully with the world. Features loads of everyday problem-solving ideas.

Views from our Shoes: Growing up with a Brother or Sister with Special Needs (1997).

— 45 siblings share their experience as the brother or sister of someone with a disability. Their personal tales introduce young siblings to others like them, and allow them to compare experiences.


— This book begins with an overview of ADHD diagnosis. Each subsequent chapter reframes certain ADHD symptoms in a positive way. It also includes exercises to help parents cope with any feelings of failure they may be experiencing.

Basic Points of Disability Etiquette

- Avoid asking personal questions about someone’s disability. If you must ask, be sensitive and show respect. Do not probe if the person declines to discuss it.
- Be considerate of the extra time it might take for a person with a disability to do or say something.
- Be polite and patient when offering assistance, and wait until your offer is accepted. Listen or ask for specific instructions.

Source: Memphis Center for Independent Living
Recently Ordered Titles (Forthcoming...)

Without Pity: A Film about Abilities (2005)
— This HBO documentary, narrated by Christopher Reeve, celebrates the efforts of people with disabilities to live full, productive lives. We meet a cross section of Americans. This program applauds the resilience and potential of people with disabilities, and their determination to be self-sufficient.

King Gimp (2005)
— Dan Keplinger was born with Cerebral Palsy. At 12, 2 filmmakers began documenting his life for 13 years. An uplifting epic of triumph over adversity, the program is also a portrait of an artist's birth, since it was Dan's discovery of painting and drawing that freed his spirit of expression from the prison of his body. His career as a successful painter attests to his victory over nearly insurmountable obstacles.

No Body's Perfect: Everybody's Special (2005)
— The video promotes inclusion and acceptance, offering interviews with 3 kids with different types of disabilities. They talk about their self-esteem issues and the prosthetics they use. The CD-ROM offers another dimension. The activity-oriented teacher's guide makes it a total disability awareness package.

—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.