



### New Additions to the CDR Library:

- \* **Signing Time! DVD Series 2, Volume 8—My House (2008)**
- \* **Signing Time! DVD Series 2, Volume 9—My Things (2008)**
- \* **Signing Time! DVD Series 2, Volume 10—Helping Out Around the House (2008)**
- \* **Signing Time! DVD Series 2, Volume 11—Once Upon a Time (2008)**
- \* **Signing Time! DVD Series 2, Volume 12—Box of Crayons (2008)**
- \* **Signing Time! DVD Series 2, Volume 13—Who has the Frog? (2008)**



# From the CDR

# Library Stacks



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## The Library's Latest:

### A Note from the Coordinator

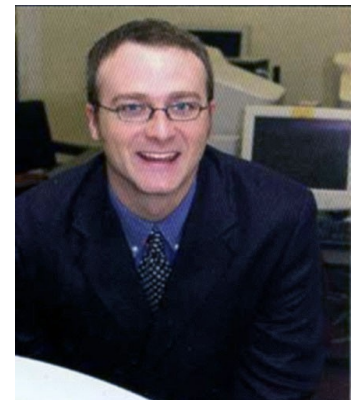
—Over the past month the library had the following circulation statistics:

- \* Checkouts: 10
- \* Renewals: 0
- \* Information Requests: 91
- \* Web articles/printouts sent out: 102
- \* Pamphlets sent out: 502
- \* New Patrons: 3
- \* Mediated Searches: 7
- \* Out of State Requests: 2

\* Web Sites' Page Visits:

- CDR Library: 240
- Library Blog: 2069
- CDR: 428
- TECS: 836
- Supported Living: 47
- InfoAble Portal: 50

—Make sure to check out the list of New Additions on the newsletter's left side column and on the subsequent pages.



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—Also, if you have any announcements that you'd like me to post on the blog site or the newsletter, just send them to:



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

- Charting Autism's Neural Circuitry: Deleting Single Gene Results in Autism-Like Behavior and Immunosuppressant Drug Prevents Symptoms
- Health Care Ruling A Win, Disability Advocates Say
- India to give free generic drugs to hundreds of millions
- Good News for Mental Illness in Health Law
- Child Prodigies, Autism Closely Linked
- Head Injuries and the Everyday Athlete
- Protein Found in Spider Venom Could Treat Muscular Dystrophy
- Disability Rights A

## Spotlight on These New Additions...

### Great Books and Videos

“Some books are so familiar that reading them is like being home again. .”

Louisa May Alcott



### Signing Time! DVD Series 2, Volume 8—My House (2008)

— “In **My House** you’ll take a singing and signing tour of the rooms in a house! Some of the signs included are:

- \* Kitchen
- \* Refrigerator
- \* Freezer
- \* Family room
- \* Sofa
- \* Rug
- \* Table
- \* TV



### Signing Time! DVD Series 2, Volume 9—My Things (2008)

— “In **My Things** you’ll learn signs for lots of your things. When playtime is over, everything goes back to its “right place.” Some of the signs included are:

- \* Toys
- \* Books
- \* Socks
- \* Shoes
- \* Closet
- \* Coat
- \* Mitten



### Signing Time! DVD Series 2, Volume 10—Helping Out Around the House (2008)

— “In **Helping Out Around the House** you’ll discover that work feels like play as you sing and sign your way through household chores! Some of the signs included are:

- \* Wash clothes
- \* Fold
- \* Towel
- \* Clear the table
- \* Do the dishes
- \* Sweep
- \* Broom



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“Come, and take choice of all my library, and so beguile thy sorrow.”  
~William Shakespeare



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### Signing Time! DVD Series 2, Volume 11—Once Upon a Time (2008)

— “Leah, Alex, and Hopkins love stories and books! Sing and Sign with Rachel as you discover the joy of books in **Once Upon a Time**. Some of the signs included are:

- \* Once upon a time
- \* Story
- \* Beginning
- \* Read
- \* Together
- \* Book
- \* Page



### Signing Time! DVD Series 2, Volume 12—Box of Crayons (2008)

— “In **Box of Crayons** you’ll learn signs for lots of colors. Rachel likes pink. Alex and Leah’s favorites are orange and purple. Of course, Hopkins loves green! What’s your favorite color? Some of the signs included are:

- \* Pink
- \* Red
- \* Orange
- \* Yellow
- \* Green
- \* White



### Signing Time! DVD Series 2, Volume 13—Who has the Frog? (2008)

— “Help Rachel, Alex and Leah find Hopkins. Learn to sign questions using *who, what, where, when, why, how, and which*. Some of the signs included are:

- \* Frog
- \* List
- \* Who
- \* Where
- \* How
- \* Find
- \* Guess

## Drug Shown to Improve Memory in Those With Down Syndrome

**ScienceDaily (July 17, 2012)** — Researchers at the University of Colorado School of Medicine have found a drug that boosts memory function in those with Down syndrome, a major milestone in the treatment of this genetic disorder that could significantly improve quality of life.

"Before now there had never been any positive results in attempts to improve cognitive abilities in persons with Down syndrome through medication," said Alberto Costa, MD, Ph.D., who led the four- year study at the CU School of Medicine. "This is the first time we have been able to move the needle at all and that means improvement is possible."

**News  
and  
Events**



# Child Prodigies, Autism Closely Linked

**Disability Scoop (July 11, 2012)**- When a team of researchers homed in on a group of eight wildly-talented child prodigies, they found that autism may have something to do with the children's extraordinary abilities.

In a study published in the journal *Intelligence* this month, a research team from Yale University and Ohio State University report that autism appears to run in the family for many child prodigies.

For the study, the researchers hunted for commonalities among eight prodigies — those who displayed professional-level talents by the age of 10 in areas ranging from music to math. Though they are all famous, the study authors did not disclose the names of the whizzes they focused on, who ranged in age from 7 to 32 when they participated in the study.

Strikingly, three of the eight prodigies had an autism diagnosis themselves and four reported that they had first or second degree relatives with the disorder. What's more, three of the prodigies had multiple family members with autism.

The study participants also all shared an unusually high affinity for attention to detail — a common trait of autism — when tested, but did not show higher levels of other characteristics of the disorder across the board, researchers found.

"The exceptional attention to detail combined with the over-representation of autism in the prodigies' families suggests a link between prodigiousness and autism," the researchers wrote. "The fact that the prodigies operate without many of the deficits commonly associated with the condition, however, suggests the presence of a modifier of some sort that prevents the child prodigies from displaying these deficits. The existence of such a modifier could have significant benefits for the

—About the Library—

**The library is a collaborative effort between BabyNet/SC First Steps to School Readiness, 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.**

"Read at every wait;  
read at all hours; read  
within leisure; read in  
times of labor; read as  
one goes in; read as one  
goes out. The task of the  
educated mind is simply  
put: read to lead. "

~Cicero



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