From the CDR Library Stacks

The Library’s Latest: A Note from the Coordinator

—Over the past month the library had the following circulation statistics:
  * Checkouts: 10
  * Renewals: 8
  * Information Requests: 127
  * Web articles/printouts sent out: 138
  * Pamphlets sent out: 2
  * New Patrons: 2
  * Mediated Searches: 7
  * Out of State Requests: 14
  * Web Sites’ Page Visits:
    —CDR Library: 189
    —Library Blog: 728
    —CDR: 335
    —TECS: 1325
    —Supported Living: 95
    —InfoAble Portal: 56
—Make sure to check out the list of New Additions on the newsletter’s left side column and on the subsequent pages.

New Additions to the CDR Library:

* Signing Time! DVD Series 2, Volume 8—My 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)

See What’s New at the CDR Blog!

- High air pollution areas linked to double the risk of autism
- How To Make Museums More Inviting For Kids With Autism
- Diagnosing autism: The earlier the better
- An Airport Rehearsal For Children With Autism
- Minority children with autism lack access to specialists
- Autism And The DSM-5: Doorstop Or Diagnostic Tool?
- Visit the SC Assistive Technology booth at the 2013 Life with Brain Injury Conference

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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:
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Spotlight on These New Additions...

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

— "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

— "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
Spotlight on These New Additions...

**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

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**High air pollution areas linked to double the risk of autism**

BOSTON, June 18 (UPI) -- U.S. mothers-to-be exposed to high levels of air pollution while pregnant were twice as likely to have a child with autism, researchers say.

Lead author Andrea Roberts, research associate in the Harvard School of Public Health Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, said exposure to diesel particulates, lead, manganese, mercury, methylene chloride and other pollutants are known to affect brain function and to affect the developing baby.

JESSICA NAUDZIUNAS —“Last January, Noelle Murphy and her family were on their way to the Please Touch Museum for children in Philadelphia. Right before they arrived, 3-year-old Dylan had an accident. "He wet himself," Murphy said, "And we were thinking, 'Oh no, how are we going to deal with this?'" Dylan has autism, and his mom, Noelle, tends to choose at-home activities over unpredictable outings like a day at the museum. If Dylan becomes overwhelmed by his surroundings, he might yell loudly, or drop to the floor and refuse to get up. For Noelle, that's not out of the ordinary. But when strangers around them are added to the mix, it can make for an embarrassing scene.

But that day at the museum was different for the Murphys. They took advantage of Play without Boundaries — an hour of museum time for kids with special needs. No weirdness, no awkward explanations, just families with other families who understand the challenges of being in public with kids who are on the autism spectrum. "When we got there, they had a pair of hospital scrubs in his size, they took his dirty pants and washed them," Murphy said. "It was an extremely different experience than what we are used to." A study released Monday by the American Alliance of Museums finds more and more of these centers for learning and preservation are also places where health awareness is on display. The Please Touch Museum is one of over 30 museums in the U.S. that has responded to the special needs of visitors with autism.

"My first reaction in the car on the way home was to cry," Murphy said. "My husband asked why I was crying, and I said it was so nice to finally take him somewhere other kids go without having to worry about an unpleasant experience ... for us and those around us."

But it's not always easy to take a kid with autism out into the world, especially a museum. A recent tally found that 1 in 88 children in the U.S. is somewhere on the autism spectrum. For these youngsters, if a place doesn’t have appropriate accommodations, museum-going is a no-go for much of their childhood. That's because so often, what seems like a fun diversion ends up causing feelings of anxiety and sometimes panic....” [Continued at http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2013/06/18/193092510/how-to-make-museums-more-inviting-for-kids-with-autism ]