

## Books for Librarians and Teachers That We Like

**Ashcroft, Wendy , Angela M. Dellosa and Anne Marie Quinn. *Social Skills Games and Activities for Kids with Autism.*** Prufrock Press, Inc., 2013.

While this book is written for schools, the information is very helpful to those planning story times and activities. Pick and choose from their “Framework” plans to assist with better interaction with children on the spectrum.

**Banks, Carrie Scott. *Including Families of Children with Special Needs.*** Rev. Edition. Neal-Schuman, 2014.

Carrie Banks from The Brooklyn Public Library’s *Child’s Place for Children with Special Needs* has done a yeoman’s job in collecting information relevant to all disabilities. The book is comprehensive, and we especially urge you to look at the chapter on assessing your staff and library as a great place to start.

**Bissonnette, Barbara. *Asperger’s Syndrome Workplace Survival Guide: a Neurotypical’s Secrets for Success.*** Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2013.

While designed for an individual with ASD to succeed in a workplace, the book is extremely helpful for employers and co-workers. Specific techniques are given to help the Asperger’s worker achieve their goals and keep the workplace flowing.

**Farmer, Lesley S. *Library Services for Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders.***ALA Editions, 2013.

This newly published volume is comprehensive and up-to-date with many resources, websites and tips for librarians who deal with toddlers, children and teens. The book is expensive but if you can buy only one, this is a good choice as it summarizes much of the work of others.

**Fleischmann, Arthur with Carly Fleischmann. *Carly’s Voice: Breaking through Autism.*** Simon and Schuster, 2012.

Carly’s father details the long and arduous struggle of their family to help their non-verbal daughter develop through various behavior therapies and programs. The sudden breakthrough of their daughter using the computer to type her thoughts is an inspirational and eye-opening view of ASD.

**Follos, Alison M.G., *Remarkable Books about Young People with Special Needs: Stories to Foster Understanding.*** Huron Street Press(American Library Association), 2013.

Organized by topics such as “Stories that Help Us Surmount the Challenges” or “Stories of Disorders and Differences”, this compilation of annotated titles for middle school students is a good starting point for providing inclusion as a topic in your fiction collection. Some great books are included that would make good teen book club selections.

**Friedlander, Brian S. and Christine Besko-Maughan. *Autism and the I-Pad: Strengthening Communication and Behavior*.** National Professional Resources, Inc. 2013.

This is a brief great summary of how to use the I-Pad and links to communication apps that may be helpful. The laminated tri-fold has an incredible amount of information tucked into the six pages.

**Notbohm, Ellen, Veronica Zysk, Temple Grandin. *1001 Great Ideas For Teaching & Raising Children With Autism or Asperger's*.** Future Horizons. 2010. ISBN 978-1-9352-7406-3. pap. \$24.95.

Winner of a Teachers' Choice Award, the first edition of this book has already become a bestseller throughout the autism community. Now, in this expanded edition, authors Ellen Notbohm and Veronica Zysk have added over 400 new ideas, which are complimented by a new layout specially designed to enhance the readers' experience. With this book, parents and professionals can bypass countless hours spent seeking answers to the day-to-day challenges of autism.

**Rubin, Rhea. *Planning for Library Services to People with Disabilities*,** ASCLA Changing Horizons#5,ALA,2001.

Rhea Rubin presents a summary of the Massachusetts Board of Commissioners study and resources to develop a planning process to help libraries serve the disability community. Note that this work was conducted in the late 90's and this volume was published in 2001. There is a significant concentration on physical accommodations rather than mental, cognitive or intellectual disabilities. Autism is not mentioned. However, the basic format for addressing a library's accommodations is helpful.

**Simone, Rudy. *Asperger's on the Job*.** Future Horizons, 2010.

If you are planning to hire anybody with Asperger's or if you have volunteers with ASD, here's a quick and easy book that will help you better supervise, set workplace expectations and assist the individual to succeed. The author is herself an adult with Asperger's Syndrome and Temple Grandin has written the foreword.

**Tammet, Daniel. *Born On A Blue Day: Inside The Extraordinary Mind Of An Autistic Savant*.**

Free Press. 2007.

*Born on a Blue Day* is a journey into one of the most fascinating minds alive today -- guided by its owner himself. It is a triumphant and uplifting story, starting from early childhood, when Daniel was incapable of making friends and prone to tantrums, to young adulthood, when he learned how to control himself and to live independently, fell in love, experienced a religious conversion to Christianity, and most recently, emerged as a celebrity. The world's leading neuroscientists have been studying Daniel's ability to solve complicated math problems in one fell swoop by seeing shapes rather than making step-by-step calculations. Here he explains how he does it, and how he is able to learn new languages so quickly, simply by absorbing their patterns. Fascinating and inspiring, *Born on a Blue Day* explores what it's like to be special and gives us an insight into what makes us all human -- our minds.