

Resources on Autism Autism Awareness Month, April 2013

April is Autism Awareness month. Below are some resources for consideration for those supporting students with autism in general education settings.

List of websites where you can find info/clips of people with Autism with an emphasis on inclusive lives.

- Carley Fleischmann: <http://www.carleyscafe.com/>
- Temple Grandin: <http://www.templegrandin.com/>
- Michael John Carley: <http://www.grasp.org/>
- David Hamrick: <http://www.weatheringautism.org/>
- Liane Holliday Willey: <http://aspie.com/>
- Brian king: <http://www.spectrummentor.com/>
- Wendy Lawson: <http://www.mugsy.org/wendy>
- John Elder Robison: <http://www.johnrobison.com/>
- Sue Rubin: <http://www.sue-rubin.org/>
- Stephen Shore: <http://www.autismasperger.net/>
- Sarah Stup: <http://www.sarahstup.com/>
- Donna Williams: <http://www.donnawilliams.net/>
- Wrong Planet: <http://www.wrongplanet.net/>
- Autistic Self-Advocacy Network: <http://autisticadvocacy.org/>

Additional Internet Resources:

Information from ASAN, the Autistic Self-Advocacy Network, about Autism *Acceptance* (not Awareness) Month. This organization favors taking a different approach to the typical April activities. <http://www.autismacceptancemonth.com/>

Toward Inclusive Classrooms and Communities, website maintained by Dr. Paula Kluth, www.paulakluth.com/

Google "[Show Me Some ASD Resources!](#)" to watch two awareness-raising videos and get resources for meeting the unique skill sets, needs, preferences, interests, and learning styles of people on the autism spectrum.

Google [Autism & Special Needs board](#) on Pinterest to help promote awareness and education.

Friends Like You, Friends Like Me--This free curriculum for increasing student understanding regarding students with autism spectrum disorders can be found at: www.friendslikeyoufriendslikeme.org

Public Images Network This website provides some resources for a curriculum entitled "Just Like Me and You: A Disability Awareness Curriculum." It is appropriate for third, fourth, and fifth grade students. There are a total of nine lessons, three per grade level. A list of books written about children with disabilities to promote disability awareness are also found on this website. <http://www.publicimagesnetwork.org/resources.html>

Books for Children:

Burns, Laura J. The Case of the Nana-Napper. Agatha believes that her Nana has been kidnapped and enlists Orville to help find out what has happened to her; second in the Wright and Wong Series.

Eden, Alexandra. Holy Smoke: A Bones and the Duchess Mystery. Bones Fatzinger, a former police officer, teams up again with Verity Buscador, a clever twelve-year-old with Asperger's syndrome, to investigate a mysterious church fire; second in the "Bones and the Duchess" mysteries.

Haddon, Mark. The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time. Provides insight into the mind of a young man with Asperger Syndrome, written from the view of a 15 year old.

Patneau, David. Colder Than Ice. Josh Showalter, an insecure and overweight sixth-grader, hopes for a new start when he transfers to a school in northern Idaho, but he and his new friends are soon the target of a cold-hearted bully.

Chapter Books

Choldenko, Gennifer. Al Capone Does My Shirts. A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his sister who has autism.

Rees, Celia. The Truth Out There. Thirteen-year-old Josh begins digging into the mystery of his Uncle Patrick, a boy with autism who died at Josh's age while investigating the crash of a flying saucer, and a terrible family secret is uncovered.

Picture Books

Day, Alexandra. The Flight of a Dove. Four-year-old Betsy, a child with autism, begins to improve after she sees a dove, one of the animals at her preschool, fly into the air; based on a true story.

Edwards, Becky. My Brother Sammy. A boy describes some of the many feelings he has about his brother Sammy, who is autistic, as he learns to appreciate his brother's way of seeing the world.

Ely, Lesley. Looking After Louis. When a new boy with autism joins their classroom, the children try to understand his world and to include him in theirs.

Emigh, Karen. Who Took My Shoe? A boy with autism named Brett struggles with "who", "what", "when", "where", "why" and "how" questions when he loses his shoe.

Katz, Illana. Joey and Sam. Although it is sometimes hard to have a younger brother like Sam who is autistic, Joey is proud when Sam's special class performs at a school assembly.

Lasker, Joe. He's My Brother. A young boy describes the experiences of his younger brother at school and home; appropriate for children who have a learning disability, autism, ADD, ADHD, Tourette's syndrome, PDD, OCD and others that might be considered "invisible disabilities".

Lears, Laurie. Ian's Walk. A young girl realizes how much she cares for her brother Ian, who has autism, when he gets lost at the park.

Sullivan, Connor. I Love My Brother!: A Preschooler's View of Living with a Brother Who has Autism. Four-and-a-half year old Connor Sullivan tells about being the older brother of two-and-a-half year old Sean, who has autism.

Thompson, Mary. Andy and His Yellow Frisbee. The new girl at school tries to befriend Andy, a boy with autism who spends recess by himself, spinning a frisbee under the watchful eye of his sister.