

Living with Special Needs

These books written for children from preschool through high school about people with special needs.

Picture Books:

Asare, M. (1997). *Sosu's call*. Legon: Sub-Saharan Publishers.

An African boy with physical challenges overcomes his fears and is rewarded for his bravery. **Grs. K - 3**

Call Number: PJ Asa

Edwards, B. (1999). *My brother Sammy*. Brookfield, CT: Millbrook Press.

A boy describes the many feelings he has about his brother Sammy who has autism. **Grs. K - 3**

Call Number: PJ Edw

Millman, I. (1998). *Moses goes to a concert*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

A boy named Moses and his schoolmates who are all deaf, attend a concert where the orchestra's percussionist is also deaf. It also includes illustrations in sign language and a page showing the manual alphabet. **Grs. PreK - 2**

Call Number: PJ Mil

Polacco, P. (1998). *Thank you, Mr. Falker*. New York: Philomel Books.

In the beginning Trisha loves school, but her difficulty learning to read makes her feel unable to do anything, until her fifth grade teacher helps her overcome this obstacle. **Grs. K - 3**

Call Number: PJ Pol

Rankin, L. (1991). *The handmade alphabet*. New York: Dial Books.

Presents the hand shape for each letter of the American manual alphabet accompanied by an object whose name begins with that letter. **Grs. PreK - 4**

Call Number: PJ Ran

Shriver, M. (2001). *What's wrong with Timmy?* Boston: Little, Brown.

Making friends with a developmentally disabled boy helps Kate learn that the two of them have a lot in common. **Grs. K - 3**

Call Number: PJ Shr

Stuve-Bodeen, S. (1998). *We'll paint the octopus red*. Bethesda, MD: Woodbine House.

Emma and her father adjust their expectations when the newborn baby arrives with Down syndrome. **Grs. PreK - K**

Call Number: PJ Stu

Woloson, E. (2003). *My friend Isabelle*. Bethesda, MD: Woodbine House.
A young boy named Charlie describes the activities he shares with his friend Isabelle, a girl with Down syndrome. **Grs. PreK - 1**
Call Number: PJ Wol

Fiction:

Bloor, E. (1998). *Tangerine*. New York: Scholastic.
A twelve-year-old boy named Paul, fights for the right to play soccer, and despite his near blindness he slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight. **Grs. 6- 8**
Call Number: J Blo

Creech, S. (2003). *Granny Torrelli makes soup*. New York: Joanna Cotler Books.
With the help of Rosie's old grandmother, she manages to work out some problems in her relationship with her best friend, Bailey, who is blind.
Grs. 3-8
Call Number: J Cre

Jung, R. (2003). *Dreaming in black and white*. New York: Phyllis Fogelmen.
A boy has a dream that he is being persecuted for being physically handicapped during the Nazi period in Germany. **Grs. 6- 7**
Call Number: J Jun

Konigsburg, E.L. (1998). *The view from Saturday*. New York: Scholastic
Four students who develop a special bond with each other attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition. **Grs. 4- 9**
Call Number: J Kon

Lowry, L. (2000). *Gathering blue*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin
Kira, a lame orphaned child is mysteriously removed from her miserable village to a well kept building, where she is expected to use her gifts as a weaver to do the bidding of the all-powerful Guardians. **Grs. 6- 12**
Call Number: J Low

Martin, A.M. (2002). *A corner of the universe*. New York: Scholastic Press.
Hattie who turns twelve meets the mentally ill uncle she never knew, and becomes friends with a girl who works at the carnival. **Grs. 1- 3**
Call Number: J Mar

Philbrick, R. (2001). *Freak the mighty*. New York: Scholastic Signature.
A learning disabled boy, Max, and his physically disabled friend, Freak, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team. **Grs. 5- 9**
Call Number: J Phi

Senisi, E. B. (1998). ***Just kids: Visiting a class for children with special needs.***

New York: Dutton Children's Books.

A second-grader named Cindy is assigned to spend part of each day in a class and discovers that kids with special needs are all "just kids". **Grs. 1- 3**

Call Number: J Sen

Non-Fiction:

Bowman-Kruhm, M. (1999). ***Everything you need to know about learning disabilities.*** New York: Rosen Pub. Group

Gives a description of what learning disabilities are and how they are assessed, as well as providing advice for coping with them in school and in a career.

Grs. 6- 12

Call Number: j616.85 Bow

Dwight, L. (1997). ***We can do it.*** New York: Star Bright Books.

Shows children living with Spina Bifida, Down syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, or blindness with the help of family and friends. **Grs. Pre K-3**

Call Number: j362.4 Dwi

Flynn, M. C. (1998). ***Having a learning disability.*** London: Belitha.

Talks about what is like to have a learning disability and how different people handle the challenges these difficulties present. **Grs. 4- 7**

Call Number: j371.9 Fly

Keith, L. (2000). ***Being in a wheelchair.*** Mankato, MN: Smart Apple Media.

Focuses on the challenges of being in a wheelchair, discussing why some people cannot walk and how those who use a wheelchair function at school, at home, in sports, and going to work. **Grs. 2- 5**

Call Number: j362.43 Kei

Levine, M. D. (1993). ***All kinds of minds: A young student's book about learning abilities and learning disorders.*** Cambridge, MA: Educators Pub. Service.

Each of the seven characters in the story discovers their strengths and weaknesses. **Grs. 3- 6**

Call Number: j153 Lev

Meyer, D. (Ed.). (2005). ***The sibling slam book: What it's really like to have a brother or sister with special needs.*** Bethesda, MD: Woodbine House.

Give teenagers a chance to say what's on their minds about what's it's like to have a brother or sister with special needs. **Grs. 6 - 12**

Call Number: j306.875 Sib

Rogers, F. & Judkis, J. (2000). ***Extraordinary friends.*** New York: Putnam

Focuses on people who are different and suggest ways to interact with them.

Grs. K - 3

Call Number: j362.408 Rog