

Library Joins Forces with Local Groups for Families Affected by Autism

Lately it seems we hear about autism more often than ever. If it seems like autism is almost everywhere these days, it's because it is. The incidence of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), complex neurological disorders of development that appear in early childhood, has exploded: increasing by anywhere between 2000% and 4000% in only 25 years. The dramatic growth in the number of children affected by ASD now constitutes a public health crisis. Hundreds of thousands of families in the U.S (and their systems of care) are struggling to meet the needs of those with ASD.

Nationally, ASD now affects an estimated one in every 150 children across all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds. ASD is more prevalent in males and affects one in every 94 boys. This spectrum of ASD represents the fastest-growing serious developmental disability of all. ASD is more common than childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes, and pediatric AIDS combined.

The exact causes of ASD are unknown; some experts believe there is more than one cause. Genetics appear to play a role, and there is growing scientific evidence about the role of environmental influences. The hope is to truly understand the biological realities in order to eventually reverse the trend.

The Raising Abilities Project kicked off on February 12 with an Author Night presentation by Amalia Starr who penned *Raising Brandon: Parenting My Son to Live Successfully with Autism, Epilepsy, and Learning Disorders*. The compelling program was also co-sponsored by the Friends of the South Pasadena Library and Poets & Writers, Inc. with financial support from the James Irvine Foundation. The evening also featured *Inside Looking Out*, an award-winning 8-minute documentary on Asperger Syndrome by South Pasadena resident Nick Simone.

Locally, the Institute for the Redesign of Learning (popularly known as the Almansor Center), the Kiwanis Club of South Pasadena, the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, and the South Pasadena Public Library are partnering to present the Raising Abilities Collection, a broad assortment of up-to-date titles for all ages on Autism and related disorders. A brochure listing the titles, authors, and call numbers is attached.

The Institute for the Redesign of Learning's Almansor Center, a leader in special-education in Southern California since 1974, has established a unique specialty program for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). The Institute's goal is to provide the most current, effective, and nurturing education and supportive services anywhere for students with ASD to enable them to lead happy and productive lives.



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www.redesignlearning.org

To be directed to other Almansor Programs offered by the Institute for the Redesign of Learning, please call (323) 257-3006

The Kiwanis Club of South Pasadena meets on Wednesdays at noon in the Calvary Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall at 1050 Fremont Avenue. Their lunch meetings, open to the community, feature a guest speaker at 1:00 p.m. During their February meetings, the Kiwanis Club will present a speaker series focusing on Autism. For further information call Jeff Graham at (626) 403-9500.

www.kiwanis.org



The South Pasadena Public Library at 1100 Oxley St. offers extensive collections of books, magazines, newspapers, musical CDs, audio books, databases, and DVDs. Free wireless Internet access and public PCs are also provided.

Children's Services conducts regularly scheduled storytimes, a Summer Reading Program, class visits, and much more. Reference service is available in person, by phone, and by email at ReferenceDesk@ci.SouthPasadena.ca.us. The Library also presents a varied range of programs and events.



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	11 a.m.—9 p.m.
Tuesday	11 a.m.—9 p.m.
Wednesday	11 a.m.—9 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m.—6 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m.—6 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m.—5 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m.—5 p.m.

INFORMATION

General	(626) 403-7333
Administration	(626) 403-7330
Circulation/Renewals	(626) 403-7340
Adult Reference	(626) 403-7350
Children's Services	(626) 403-7358
Friends Bookstore	(626) 441-5294

www.cityofsouthpasadena.ca.us/library



The Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc. Provides volunteer help and financial support for many library activities. The Friends also operate a 7-day per week bookstore upstairs in the Library. For more information please call (626) 441-5294.

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The Kiwanis Club of South Pasadena, The Institute for the Redesign of Learning and The South Pasadena Public Library *proudly announce*



*A cooperative project to expand
the Library's collection of checkout books
for young and old on Autism
and related disorders.*

TITLE	CALL NUMBER
Asperger's Syndrome— <i>A Guide for Parents and Professionals</i> by Tony Attwood	616.85882 ATTWOOD
All Cats Have Asperger Syndrome by Kathy Hoopmann	JUV P/T 618.928
Autism Heroes— <i>Portraits of Families Meeting the Challenge</i> by Barbara Firestone, Ph.D.	618.928 FIRESTONE
Autism and its Medical Management— <i>A Guide for Parents and Professionals</i> by Michael G. Chez, MD	618.928 CHEZ
The Hidden World of Autism— <i>Writing and Art by Children with High-Functioning Autism</i> by Rebecca Chilvers	618.928 CHILVERS
Dasha's Journal— <i>A Cat Reflects on Life, Catness and Autism</i> by T.O. Daria	362.19685 DARIA
An Asperger Dictionary of Everyday Expressions by Ian Stuart Hamilton	616.85882 STUART-HAMILTON
Autism and Loss by Rachel Forrester-Jones and Sarah Broadhurst	616.85882 FORRESTER-JONES
Understanding Controversial Therapies for Children with Autism, Attention Deficit Disorder, and Other Learning Disabilities by Lisa A. Kurtz	618.928 KURTZ
The Verbal Behavior Approach— <i>How to Teach Children with Autism and Related Disorders</i> by Mary Lynch Barbera with Tracy Rasmussen	618.928 BARBERA
Create a Reward Plan for Your Child with Asperger Syndrome by John Smith, Jane Donlan and Bob Smith	618.928 SMITH
Integrated Yoga— <i>Yoga with a Sensory Integrative Approach</i> by Nicole Cuomo	613.704 CUOMO
Promoting Social Interaction for Individuals with Communicative Impairments— <i>Making Contact</i> by M. Suzanne Zeedyk, Ph.D.	362.4 PROMOTING
A Self-Determined Future with Asperger Syndrome— <i>Solution Focus Approaches</i> by E. Veronica Bliss and Genevieve Edmonds	616.85885 BLISS
The Myriad Gifts of Asperger's Syndrome by John M. Ortiz, Ph.D.	616.85882 ORTIZ
Making Sense of Sex— <i>A Forthright Guide to Puberty, Sex and Relationships for People with Asperger's Syndrome</i> by Sarah Attwood	612.6 ATTWOOD
Guiding Your Teenager with Special Needs through the Transition from School to Adult Life— <i>Tools for Parents</i> by Mary Korpi	649.151 KORPI
Asperger Meets Girl by Jonathan Griffiths	362.19685 GRIFFITHS
Voices of Fatherhood— <i>Fathers, Sons and ADHD</i> by Patrick J. Kilcarr, Ph. D. and Patricia O. Quinn, M.D.	618.92 KILCARR

Asperger Syndrome and Employment— <i>Adults Speak Out about Asperger Syndrome</i> by Genevieve Edmonds and Luke Beardon	362.19685 ASPERGER
Asperger Syndrome and Social Relationships— <i>Adults Speak Out about Asperger Syndrome</i> by Genevieve Edmonds and Luke Beardon	616.85882 ASPERGER
Joey Goes to the Dentist by Candace Vittorini and Sara Boyer-Quick	JUV P/T 617.6 VITTORINI
Kids in the Syndrome Mix of ADHD, LD, Asperger's, Tourette's, Bipolar and More! - <i>The one stop guide for parents, teachers, and other Professionals</i> by Martin Kutscher	618.9289 KUTSCHER
How to Understand Autism—The Easy Way by Alex Durig	616.85882 DURIG
The Jumbled Jigsaw— <i>An Insider's Approach to the Treatment of 'Cluster Conditions' in the 'Autism Spectrum' and Beyond</i> by Donna Williams	616.85882 WILLIAMS
Practical Sensory Programmes for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Other Special Needs by Sue Larkey	618.928 LARKEY
Playing, Laughing and Learning with Children on the Autism Spectrum— <i>A Practical Resource of Play Ideas for Parents and Caretakers</i> by Julia Moor	618.928 MOOR
Social Skills Groups for Children and Adolescents with Asperger's Syndrome— <i>A Step-by-Step Program</i> by Kim Kiker Painter	618.928 PAINTER
Art Therapy with Children on the Autistic Spectrum— <i>Beyond Words</i> by Kathy Evans and Janek Dubowski	618.928 EVANS
Natural Genius— <i>The Gifts of Asperger's Syndrome</i> by Susan Rubinyi	618.928 RUBINYI
Freaks, Geeks and Asperger Syndrome— <i>A User Guide to Adolescence</i> by Luke Jackson	JUV P/T 618.928 JACKSON
Realizing the College Dream with Autism or Asperger Syndrome— <i>A Parent's Guide to Student Success</i> by Ann Palmer	616.85882 PALMER
Asperger Syndrome in Adolescence— <i>Living with the Ups, the Downs and Things in Between</i> by Lianne Holliday Willey	618.92 ASPERGER
The Self-Help Guide for Special Kids and their Parents by Joan Matthews and James Williams	618.928 MATTHEWS
Building a Joyful Life with your Child who has Special Needs by Nancy J. Whiteman and Linda Roan-Yager	649.151 WHITEMAN
Different Like Me— <i>My Book of Autism Heroes</i> by Jennifer Elder	JUV P/T 618.928 ELDER
In His Shoes— <i>A Short Journey Through Autism</i> by Joanna L. Keating-Velasco	JUV P/T 618.928 KEATING-VELASCO
A Is for Autism, F Is for Friend— <i>A Kid's Book on Making Friends with a Child Who Has Autism</i> by Joanna L. Keating-Velasco	JUV P/T 618.928 KEATING-VELASCO