

Accessible to All: Serving Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities



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Today's Agenda

What is SNAILS?

Knowing Your Community

Disability Friendly Service

Assistive Technologies

Accessible Collections

Program Models of Service

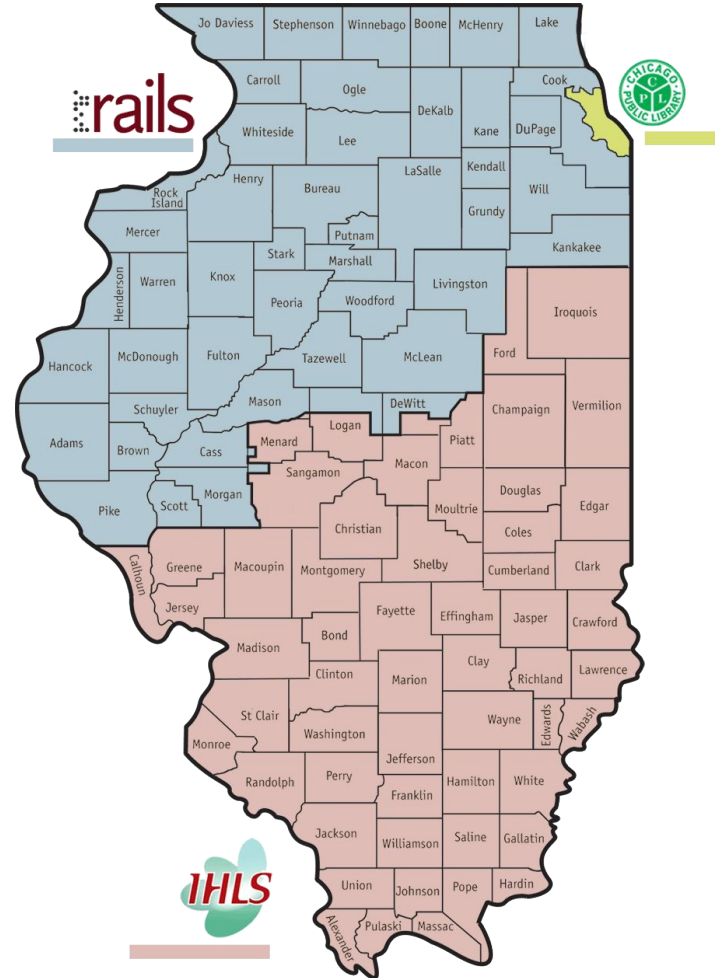
Program Ideas



Poll #1 - Where are you from?

Where is your library located?

- Chicagoland area
- Another part of Illinois
- Another state
- Another country





snailsgroup.blogspot.com

Poll #2 - Knowing our community of viewers

Where is your library at in terms of serving youth and teens with disabilities?

- Just starting out
- Have a little bit going on and looking to do more
- Going steady but keeping eyes open for new ideas



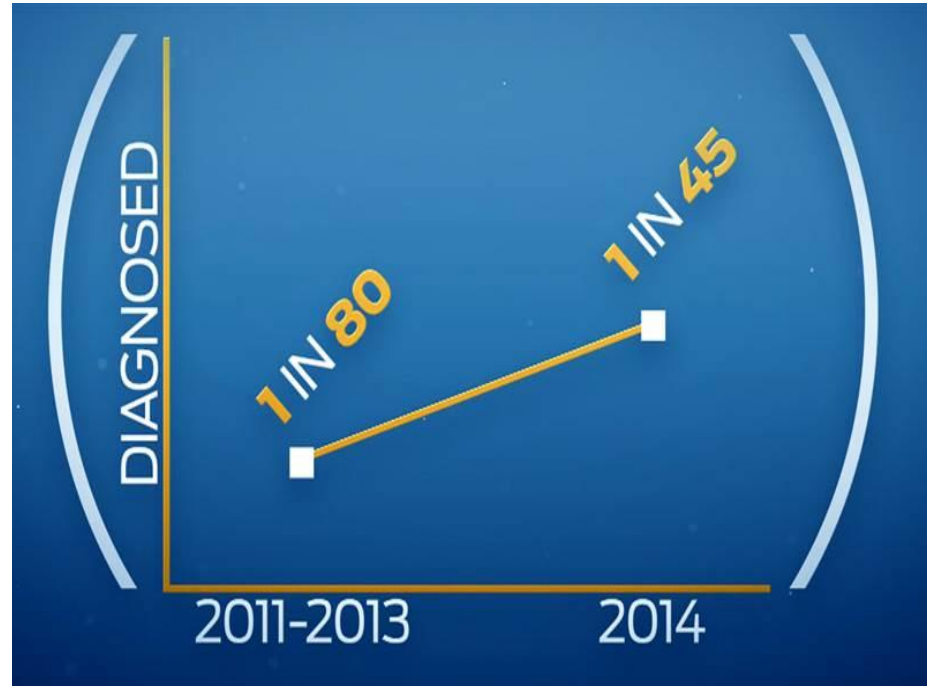
Knowing Statistical Data

1 in 20 children have a disability



<http://www.census.gov/prod/2011pubs/acsbr10-12.pdf>

1 in 45 children diagnosed with ASD



<http://www.today.com/health/new-survey-finds-1-45-kids-has-autism-whats-behind-t55731>

Disability Friendly Customer Service

- Get to know your patrons
- Use person-first language
- Speak directly to the person
- Adjust your delivery
- Utilize visual supports
- Know general ADA policy
- Maintain ADA compliance



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Utilize Visual Supports

This is My Library

The _____ Library

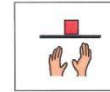
Librarian

When I need help, I ask a librarian.

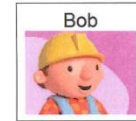
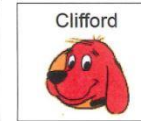
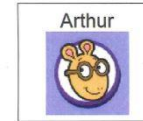
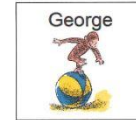
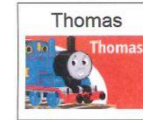


The librarian at the desk can help me find the books and movies I like. If I get lost the librarian will help me find my grown-up. When I want to talk to the Librarian I say, "Excuse me," and ask my question. I wait for the answer, and after the Librarian helps me I say, "Thank you."

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What do you want to read?



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Assistive Technologies



ABOUT EDGE

BENCHMARKS

TOOLKIT

KNOWLEDGE

NEWS & EVENTS

Community Value

Benchmark 1
Digital literacy

Benchmark 2
Digital tools and resources

Benchmark 3
Meeting key community needs

Engaging the Community

Benchmark 4
Strategy and evaluation

Benchmark 5
Strategic partnerships

Benchmark 6
Sharing best practices

TECHNOLOGY INCLUSIVENESS

Organizational Management

Libraries ensure participation in digital technology for people with disabilities [Learn more](#)

11.1 The library accommodates users with disabilities.

At least one public terminal with assistive technology that enable use by persons with visual impairments (e.g., screen readers, magnification, high contrast keyboards and displays) is available at all locations

At least one public terminal that can be converted with assistive technology to facilitate usage by people with motor and dexterity impairments (e.g., touch screens, trackballs, switches, voice-recognition software) is available at all locations

The library has at least one workstation in each location that can accommodate a wheelchair or mobility vehicle

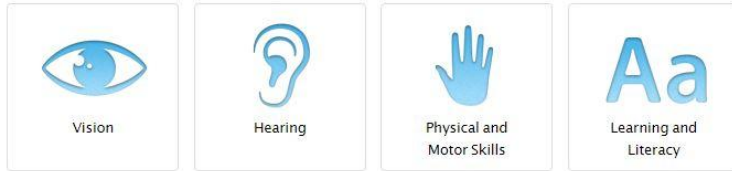
The library website is compliant with World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) disability standards as evidenced by the use of an online validation service

Specific accessibility goals are included in the strategic plan

Staff are provided with training at least annually for recognizing and serving patrons with disabilities

Assistive Technologies

Accessible operating systems and web browsers



apple.com

Tablet technology and apps



zacbrower.com



friendshipcircle.com

Assistive Technologies

Record/replay buttons



Switch-activated and electronic toys



Trays for crafts, adapted scissors,
easy-grip crayons



Community Assessments

What information do you gather?

How do you distribute it?

What incentives do you offer?

What does this information inform?

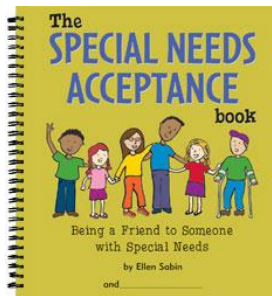


Poll #3: Programming for Youth with Disabilities

For what ages do you offer specialized programs for youth with disabilities?

- Birth-2
- 3-7
- 8-12
- 13-18
- 18-22

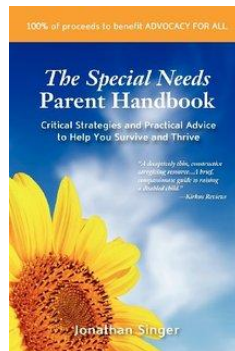
Accessible Collections



Books promoting inclusion



Audio books and e-audio



Parenting Books



Accessible toy collections



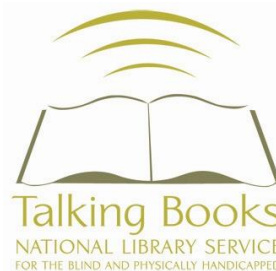
Books awarding disability experience



Hi-lo books
highnoonbooks.com



Accessible online books for print disabilities
bookshare.org



Talking Book Centers
loc.gov/nls



Braille books
seedlings.org

Sensory Strategies Kits

(Helen Plum Memorial Library)



Monkey Balance Board

This kit encourages: gross motor skills and coordination/balance

- 1 Monkey balance board



River Stones

This kit encourages: gross motor skills and coordination/balance

- 3 large river stones
- 3 small river stones



Feelings kit

This kit encourages: communication

- Flip Flop Faces: Emotion in Motion
- Todd Parr feelings flash cards
- Kimochis Mixed Feelings boxed set
- Point to Happy: For Children on the Autism Spectrum



Program Models of Service

Inclusive

- Open Play Groups
- Family Musical Performances
- Drop-in Gaming
- Social Clubs
- Scavenger Hunts
- Arts & Crafts
- Lego Clubs
- Gardening Programs
- Cooking or Exercise
- Summer Reading Program
- Family Movie Programs
- Makerspace Programming

- Early Intervention Play Groups
- Sensory Storytime
- Storytime for the Blind
- Therapy Dog Programs
- Sensory Friendly Performances
- Special Education Class Visits
- Reading Buddy Programs
- Braille Buddies
- Art Therapy Programs
- Next Chapter Book Club
- Sensory Friendly Films
- Open House Events Before Hours
- Special Needs Fair

Targeted

Family Programs

Disabilities resource fair (Evanston)

Shortened stage performances (Wilmette)

Workshops for parents with child care (Skokie)

Autism-friendly library open house (Northbrook)

Sensitive family tours (Deerfield)

EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Special Needs Family
Resource Fair**



Saturday, November 8, 11am - 3pm

Main Library
Community Meeting Room
1703 Orrington Ave
847-448-8600

All are welcome to come and connect with local organizations that provide services for special needs families. Among those participating will be CASE, JJ's List/No Boundaries, Center for Independent Futures, Special Gifts Theater, Cherry Preschool, Have Dreams, City of Evanston, Beyond Book Smart, TheraPlay, Open Studio Project, Timber Ridge, Wee Speech, Special Gifts Theater and Mason Intervention. No Registration is necessary.

evanston public library
1703 Orrington Avenue Evanston, IL 60005 847.448.8600 epl.org

Sensory Friendly Films

(Deerfield Public Library)

Based on AMC Theatre and Autism Society's partnership

Lights turned up, sound turned down, captions on, and fidgets available

No registration required; all are welcome with an an invitation to get up, dance, walk, or shout!



<https://www.amctheatres.com/programs/sensory-friendly-films>



deerfieldlibrary.org



Early Intervention Playgroup

(Arlington Heights Public Library)

For children who currently receive therapy services; birth to age 3 with caregiver and siblings

Facilitated by a speech language pathologist with library staff member

Two planned playstations, baby toys, and books



Sensory Storytime

(Plainfield Public Library)

Ages 3 to 9 with caregiver; friends and siblings welcome

Free play, socializing, tactile activities, and storytime for children of all abilities



Club Wonder

(Skokie Public Library)

Ages 3 to 7 with caregiver and siblings

Different class taught by a librarian, therapist, or musician each month



Smart Starts

(Glen Ellyn Public Library)

Ages 3 - 8 of all abilities with parent or caregiver

Drop-in 6 to 8 play stations; encourages socialization and collaboration



Rainbow Therapy Time

(Skokie Public Library)

Ages 7 to 12 with aides; led by volunteers with library staff oversight

Strengthen motor skills, practice social skills, improve language use, decrease anxiety



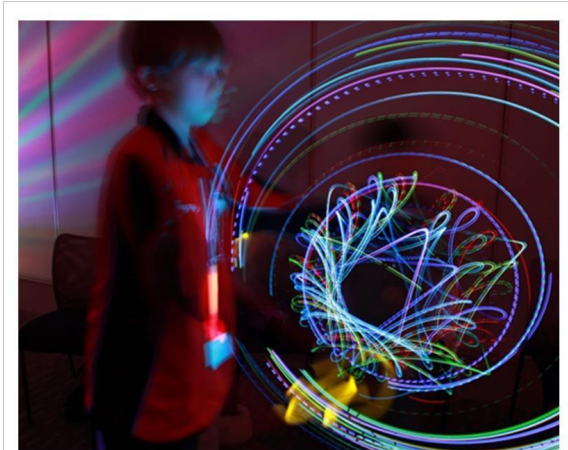
Friendship Club

(Glenview Public Library)

3rd-8th grade students partnered with 4th-12th grade friendship ambassadors

Local special education teachers and aides provide support in volunteer training and programs

Variety of librarian-led and contract programs that begin and end with social time



Braille Buddies

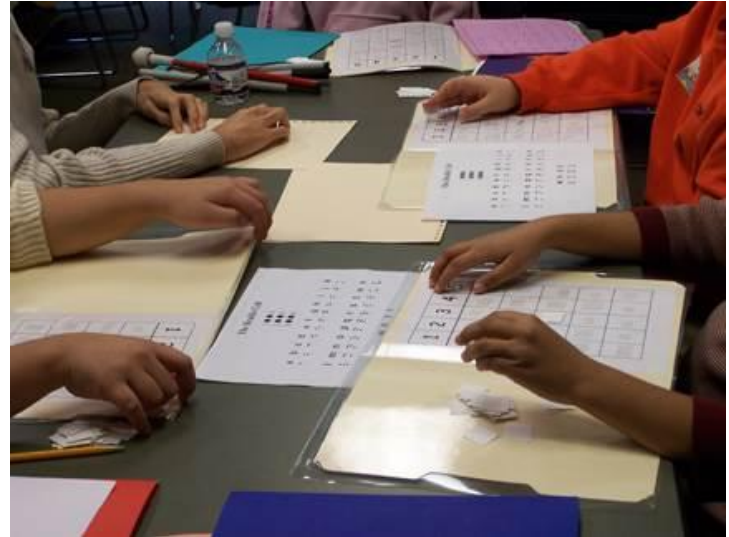
(Skokie Public Library)

Ages 3rd grade and up

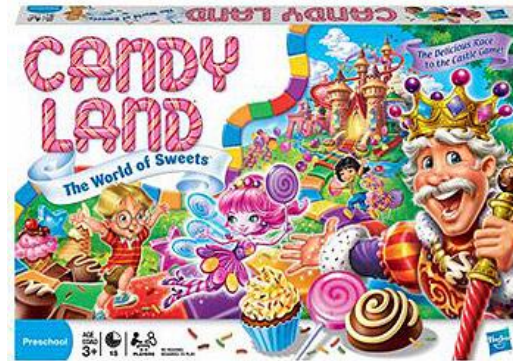
Sighted children learn from itinerant teacher
and juvenile Braille readers

Learn how Braille works, receive alphabet card,
type names with borrowed brailers, play bingo

Also hosted talent recitals and book discussions



Do these games look familiar to you?



Inclusion Game/Movie Night

(Batavia Public Library)

Middle school through mid-twenties joined by volunteers of all ages

Special education professionals/parents on site

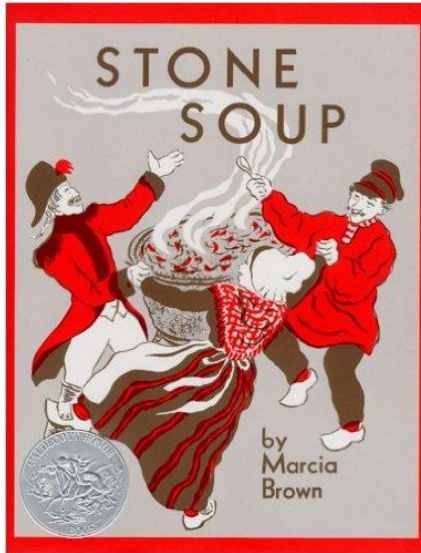
Movies shown in two places - with and without light



High School Class Visits

(Vernon Area Public Library)

Book-based, mini-lessons that correspond to curriculum



NextGen Programs for Adults Facing Social Challenges

(Schaumburg Public Library)

Adults ages 18+ on the autism spectrum who can attend independently

Game nights, arts, sci-fi/fantasy book shares, improv, martial arts



Community Access Naperville

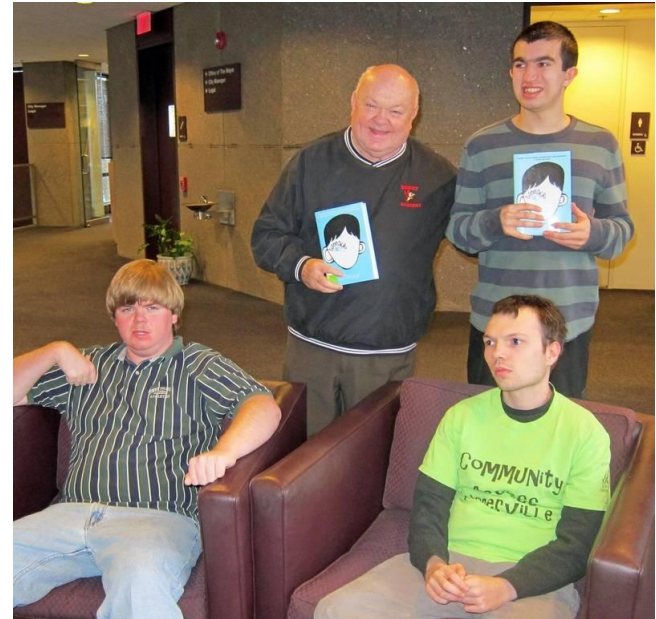
(Naperville Public Library)

Themed activities (30 min)

- Watch YouTube video
- Activity in program room
- Activity in main library

Computer time (30 min)

Browsing time (30 min)



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Next Chapter Book Club

(Elmhurst Public Library)



Welcome to The Next Chapter Book Club

nextchapterbookclub.org



Closing Remarks





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Thank You!



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