

**Discovering Abilities Library  
Inaugural Book Collection  
Fall 2019**

Area	Book Title and Author	Reading Level	Book Type and Synopsis
<b>BOOKS FOCUSED GENERALLY ON CELEBRATING DIFFERENCES</b>			
1.	General We're Different, We're the Same – Sesame Street	Beginner	Fiction – Sesame Street gang discusses and celebrates differences
2.	General What are your Superpowers by Marget Wincent	Beginner	Fiction – To help explore the beauty and talents of everyone
3.	General Special People, Special Ways by Arlene Maguire	Beginner	Fiction – Focuses on each person's unique gifts
4.	General What's My Superpower by Aviaq Johnston	Beginner	Fiction – Focuses each child on finding their superpower – what makes them unique and special
5.	General She Persisted by Chelsea Clinton	Beginner	Non-Fiction – Stories of 13 American Women (including Harriet Tubman and Helen Keller who are featured in other parts of our library) who changed the world
6.	General She Persisted Around the World by Chelsea Clinton	Beginner	Non-Fiction – Stories of 13 Women Who Changed History including those with disabilities or who focused on disability rights
7.	General Just Ask – Be Different, Be Brave, Be You by Sonia Sotomayor	Beginner - Intermediate	A showcase of differently abled kids that stresses celebrating differences and encourages connection and asking questions
8.	General Including Samuel – DVD	Advanced	Documentary focusing on inclusion and the experience of four families
9.	General Unbroken – 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens	Intermediate	Thirteen stories with disabled teen heroes
10.	General The Ables by Jeremy Scott	Advanced	Fiction story of superheroes in high school who all have special needs
11.	General The Ables – Strings by Jeremy Scott	Advanced	Second book in the series about superheroes in high school who all have special needs

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<b>BOOKS WITH HEROES ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM</b>				
<b>1.</b>	Autism	We're Amazing 1, 2, 3 – A Big Golden Book	Beginner	Fiction - Big Golden Book story about friendship and autism
<b>2.</b>	Autism	Leah's Voice by Lori DeMonia	Beginner	Fiction - Story of two sisters – one with autism – through kindness and devotion they teach the importance of including everyone and showing acceptance
<b>3.</b>	Autism	I See Things Differently by Pat Thomas	Beginner	Fiction – Focused on increased understanding of autism
<b>4.</b>	Autism	Nathan's Autism Spectrum Superpowers by Lori Leigh Yarborough	Beginner - Intermediate	Fiction – Superhero of the book explains his autism spectrum superpowers, how they affect him and ways his friends can help when his superpowers spin out of control
<b>5.</b>	Autism	Uniquely Wired by Julia Cook	Beginner - Intermediate	Fiction – Hero of the book explains his unique wiring
<b>6.</b>	Autism	A Whole New Ballgame by Phil Bildner – 1 <sup>st</sup> book of the Rip and Red Series	Intermediate	Fiction – Fifth grade best friends – one on the autism spectrum – have many adventures on and off the basketball court
<b>7.</b>	Autism	Rookie of the Year by Phil Bildner – 2nd book of the Rip and Red Series	Intermediate	
<b>8.</b>	Autism	Tournament of Champions by Phil Bildner – 3rd book of the Rip and Red Series	Intermediate	
<b>9.</b>	Autism	Most Valuable Players by Phil Bildner – 4th book of the Rip and Red Series	Intermediate	
<b>10.</b>	Autism	The Reason I Jump by Naoki Higashida	Intermediate	Written by an autistic man as a guide to understanding – set up in a Q&A format
<b>11.</b>	Autism	Rules by Cynthia Lord	Intermediate	Fiction – Catherine wants a normal life, which is hard when she spends so much time explaining the rules to her brother with autism – but then some developments in Catherine's own life have her questioning what is normal?
<b>12.</b>	Autism	Anything but Typical by	Intermediate	Fiction – 12 year old Jason is an autistic

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		Nora Raleigh Baskin		boy living in a neurotypical world when he meets someone online that he develops a friendship with
13.	Autism	Different Like Me – My Book of Autism Heroes by Jennifer Elder	Intermediate	Non-Fiction – Biographical sketches of historical figures who were on the autism spectrum
14.	Autism	A Boy Called BAT by Elana K. Arnold	Intermediate	Fiction – First Book in the Series – We are introduced to BAT, our hero on the autism spectrum and his job as caretaker for Thor, the class pet skunk
15.	Autism	BAT and the Waiting Game by Elana K. Arnold	Intermediate	Fiction – Second Book in the Series – Bat loses his sister’s help in taking care of his skunk kit
16.	Autism	BAT and the End of Everything by Elana K. Arnold	Intermediate	Fiction – Third Book in the Series - End of third grade for Bat (a boy on the autism spectrum) and he must release his skunk kit to the wild
17.	Autism	Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime	Advanced	Fiction - Autistic protagonist’s quest to investigate the death of a neighbor’s dog
18.	Autism	LIFE, Animated by Ron Suskind	Advanced	Non-fiction – Memoir of a Pulitzer prize winning journalist and his family’s connection with their autistic son
19.	Autism	Animals Make Us Human by Temple Grandin	Advanced	Non-fiction - Temple Grandin uses her autism as a gift to understand animals
20.	Autism	Animals in Translation by Temple Grandin	Advanced	Non-fiction - Temple Grandin uses her autism as a gift to understand animals
21.	Autism	Just My Luck by Cammie McGovern	Advanced	Fiction – Benny, a fourth grader with an autistic brother, is having a bad year – when things go wrong, his mom tells him to focus on helping others – this is the story of his adventure
<b>BOOKS WITH HEROES WITH DYSLEXIA/ DISCALCULIA /OTHER WAYS OF SEEING THINGS</b>				
1.	Dyslexia	Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt	Intermediate	Fiction – Girl with dyslexia and the teacher who helps her discover her gifts
2.	Dyslexia	The Hank Zipzer Series – Books 1-10 - by Henry Winkler	Intermediate	Fiction chapter books written by Henry Winkler (who is dyslexic) focusing on the adventures in school of a boy with dyslexia

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3.	Dyslexia	Looking for Heroes – One Boy, One Year, 100 Letters by Aidan Colvin	Intermediate-Advanced	True story of dyslexic high school student, Aiden Colvin, who decides to write letters to 100 successful dyslexics – and they write back
4.	Discalculia/ Math learning disability	My Thirteenth Winter by Samantha Abeel	Advanced	Non-fiction – Autobiographical account of a gifted student who has a specific learning disability in math
5.	Synesthesia (sees numbers, words and sounds via color)	A Mango Shaped Space by Wendy Mass	Advanced	Fiction – Our hero has a secret – she sees numbers, words and sounds through colors – this book is her journey to accept herself and embrace her gift

**BOOKS WITH HEROES WITH CRANIOFACIAL DIFFERENCES**

1.	Craniofacial differences	We're All Wonders by RJ Palacio	Beginner	Fiction – Auggie is our hero and shows the world how incredible he is
2.	Craniofacial differences	Wonder by RJ Palacio	Intermediate	Fiction – Auggie enters fifth grade and teaches all
3.	Craniofacial differences	Wonder the DVD	Intermediate to Advanced	Fiction
4.	Craniofacial differences	Auggie and Me by RJ Palacio	Intermediate	Fiction – More on Auggie and his life
5.	Craniofacial differences	Ugly by Robert Hoge	Intermediate	Non-fiction account of a boy with facial scars from surgery and short, twisted legs – his struggles, triumphs and adventures

**BOOKS WITH HEROES WITH PHYSICAL DIFFERENCES**


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1.	Wheelchair	Peppa's New Friend	Beginner	Fiction – Peppa Pig's new friend, Mandy Mouse, uses a wheelchair to get around
2.	Wheelchair	Susan Laughs by Jeanne Willis	Beginner	Fiction – Susan is in a wheelchair but in all other ways, she is just like everyone else
3.	One hand	Uniquely Brave by Trace Wilson	Beginner	Fiction - Written by a local writer (Deep Run High School graduate) who has one hand, this book is about embracing that uniqueness and using bravery to overcome challenges
4.	One hand	Uniquely Me by Trace Wilson	Beginner	Fiction - Written by a local writer (Deep Run High School graduate) who has one hand, this book is about embracing and loving the difference that make each of us unique
5.	Three-legged dog	The Adventures of Penny, The Famous Three-Legged Dog by Joan Betzold	Beginner	Non-fiction – Story of the adventures of a three-legged dog
6.	Dog with no back legs	Ivy the Very Determined Dog by Chris and Maureen Harrington	Beginner	Non-fiction – Account of Ivy a dog with no back legs that doesn't let that stop her!
7.	Wheelchair/ Cerebral Palsy	Where There's a Wheel, There's a Way by Kyle Pease and Todd Civin	Beginner-Intermediate	Non-fiction – Written by Kyle Pease, a quadrapelegic ironman
8.	Wheelchair	The Adventures of Mike Believe – Wheelz on the Moon by Aaron Fotheringham and Mike Dolman	Intermediate	Fiction – Our hero uses his wheelchair to make his dream of becoming the first kid to ever skateboard on the moon come true
9.	One arm	Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton	Intermediate	Non-fiction – After losing her arm in a shark attack, Bethany Hamilton resumes her surfing career
10.	One arm	Soul Surfer DVD	Intermediate	Non-fiction – After losing her arm in a shark attack, Bethany Hamilton resumes her surfing career
11.	Overcoming severe illness	Small Steps, The Year I Got Polio by Peg Kehret	Intermediate	Non-fiction account of the author's battle with polio when she was 12
12.	Wheelchair/	Ya Sama! Moments	Intermediate	Non-fiction autobiographical account of

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	Spina Bifida	from My Life by Tatyana McFadden		an acclaimed wheel chair racer
13.	No Arms/ Autism	Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling	Intermediate-Advanced	Fiction – Two female heroes – one with no arms and one with autism discover a secret in a storage shed and go on an adventure
14.	Prosthetics - dolphin	Dolphin Tale and Dolphin Tale II DVDs	Intermediate	Non-fiction – Account of the rescue and rehabilitation of an injured dolphin who needs to adapt to a prosthetic fin
15.	Wheelchair	Wheelz by Steven Fotheringham	Advanced	Non-fiction account of a wheelchair athlete skateboarder
16.	No limbs	Life Without Limits by Nick Vujcic	Advanced	Non-fiction – Autobiographical account of a man born without limbs and his journey to a rich, fulfilling and “ridiculously good” life
17.	Dwarfism	Ten Feet Tall by Brandon Farbstein	Advanced	Non-fiction – Autobiographical account of local Richmond author’s journey and Ted talk fame
18.	Dwarfism	Life is Short by Jennifer Arnold	Advanced	Non-fiction – Autobiographical account of a married couple with dwarfism and how they built their successful lives
19.	Wheelchair/ Blind	I Am Potential by Patrick Henry Hughes	Advanced	Non-fiction – Autobiographical account of a boy born with legs that won’t bend and no eyes and his journey to become a nationally acclaimed pianist, singer and trumpeter who has played at the Kennedy Center, The Grand Ole Opry and Carnegie Hall
20.	Wheelchair/ Blind	I Am Potential – the DVD	Advanced	
21.	Prosthetic leg	The Lady is a Spy	Advanced	Non-fiction account of Virginia Hall, a World War II spy for the Allies and hero of the French Resistance
<b>BOOKS WITH HEROES WITH SPEECH DIFFERENCES</b>				
1.	Deaf / Speech differences	El Deafo by CeCe Bell	Intermediate	Graphic novel – autobiographical account of a local writer’s loss of hearing and the effect on her and her classmates journey to friendship and understanding
2.	Nonverbal	Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper	Intermediate	Fiction – Young female hero is nonverbal and then learns to express herself with the aid of a computer

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3.	Stuttering	The King's Speech	Advanced	Non-fiction – True story of how King George VI overcame a debilitating stutter to be able to address his country
<b>BOOKS ABOUT REAL LIFE HEROES WITH DIFFERENCES</b>				
1.	Down's Syndrome	A Special Kind of Hero – by Chris Burke	Advanced	Autobiography of Chris Burke, actor with Down's Syndrome
2.	Blind, deaf, nonverbal	Who is Helen Keller? By Gare Thompson	Intermediate	Non-fiction – Story of blind, deaf, nonverbal Helen Keller
3.	Blind, deaf, nonverbal	The Story of My Life by Helen Keller	Advanced	
4.	Blind, deaf, nonverbal	The Miracle Worker – A Play by William Gibson	Advanced	
5.	Blind, deaf, nonverbal	The Miracle Worker DVD		
6.	ALS/Physical difference	Stephen Hawking: Little People BIG DREAMS series	Beginner	
7.	ALS/Physical difference author	George's Secret Key to the Universe by Stephen and Lucy Hawking	Intermediate	Fiction by Stephen Hawking – Exciting out of this world adventure that explores the entire solar system
8.	Physical difference (Polio as a child and a car accident as a teen)	Frida Kahlo: Little People BIG DREAMS series	Beginner	Non-fiction story of the renowned artist, Frida Kahlo
9.	Polio – Wheelchair	Who Was Franklin Roosevelt?	Intermediate	Non-fiction story of FDR
10.	Deaf	Who Was Thomas Edison?	Intermediate	Non-fiction story of Thomas Edison
11.	Deaf	Thomas Edison – Inspiration and Hard Work (Heroes of History)	Intermediate	
12.	Hearing impaired	Juliette Gordon Low, America's First Girl Scout	Intermediate	Non-fiction story of Juliet Gordon Low, founder of the Girl Scouts