



The Librarian's Word

Happy Disability Awareness Month! There are so many exciting things going on this month. We can't wait to watch the Paralympics taking place in Vancouver, not to mention all the local programs to celebrate awareness. If you are in the Bloomington area, stop by and see us at the Disability Student Services Fair on March 1st at the Wells Library and at the "Inspiring Abilities Resource Fair" on March 6, 9:30am-12:00pm at Sherwood Oaks Christian Church. Do you have a program you'd like us to mention on our calendar or blog? Drop us a line and we'll be happy to!

We are pleased to announce the "Friends of CeDIR Library" Book Sale site. Here you can purchase older titles that have been withdrawn from the collection. All proceeds will go towards buying new books for the collection. You can find it online at:

<http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/cedir/friends/index.php>

Have a great spring!

-Christina

Want more information on Paralympic Games?

Competition Schedule for 2010:

http://www.paralympic.org/export/sites/default/Paralympic_Games/Vancouver_2010/2009_07_CompensationSchedule-PARA-EN-V7.pdf

Disabled-World.com:

<http://www.disabled-world.com/sports/paralympics/2010/>

U.S. Paralympic Team:

<http://usparalympics.org/?cmpid=2&keyword=2010+Paralympics>

Spotlight on:

2010



Winter Paralympics

Are you basking in the after-glow of the hundreds of gold, silver, and bronze medals handed out to Olympic athletes in February? Or are you feeling the Olympic spirit still coursing through your veins and hungering for more? Well, you're in luck! The 2010 Winter Paralympic Games will be held March 12-21 this year. The venues for the games will be shared between the cities of Vancouver and Whistler, British Columbia.

Coverage of the Paralympics Games has yet to be announced for television viewers, but Internet users can watch live coverage on a few sites:

- Official coverage will be broadcasted from CTV Olympics including live and archived events:
<http://www.ctvolympics.ca/paralympics/index.html>
- Paralympic Sport TV is another site that will provide both live events and archived ones. A specific plug-in is required to view video on the site, so be sure to navigate there before the games begin to see if you need to install it. Just point your browser to:
<http://player27.narrowstep.tv/assets/players/4304/html/player.html>
- Don't forget to check YouTube for clips of highlights from the Games!

Focus on SOCIAL SKILLS

Social Skills Resource Guide

These items are available to Indiana residents from the Center for Disability Information & Referral.

For Children:

Gast, C., & Krug, J. (2008). *Caring for myself: a social skills storybook*. London: Philadelphia, PA: Jessica Kingsley Publishers. (Call No. 7 .G37)

McCarthy, J., Schefflen, S. C., & Schefflen, M. (2009). *Social skills. Vol. 1-3 videorecordings*. Sherman Oaks, CA: Teach2Talk. (Call No. 6 .T4 S61 - S63)

For Teens/Adults:

Cooper, B. (2008). *The social success workbook for teens: Skill-building activities for teens with nonverbal learning disorder, Asperger's disorder & other social-skill problems*. Oakland, CA: Instant Help Books/New Harbinger Publications. (Call No. 46 .C6)

Winner, M. G. (2009). *Socially curious and curiously social: A social thinking guidebook for teens & young adults with Asperger's, ADHD, PDD-NOS, NVLD, or other murky undiagnosed social learning issues*. San Jose, CA: Think Social Pub. (Call No. 46 .W5)

For Parents/Teachers:

Madrigal, S. (2008). *Superflex: A superhero social thinking curriculum: A fun and motivating way to explore social thinking behavior*. San Jose, CA: Think Social Pub. (Call No. 6 .M33)

Mahler, K. (2009). *Hygiene and related behaviors for children and adolescents with Asperger spectrum and related disorders: A fun curriculum with a focus on social understanding*. Shawnee Mission, KS: Autism Asperger Pub. Co. (Call No. 40.3 .M3)

Mannix, D. (2009). *Social skills activities for secondary students with special needs*. San Francisco, CA: Josey-Bass. (Call No. 46 .M355 2009)

Web Resources

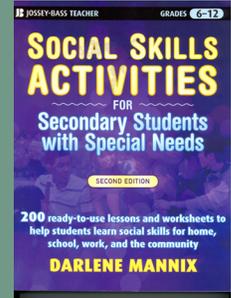
TeacherVision: Social Skills and Autism
<http://www.teachervision.fen.com/autism/resource/10154.html>

LD Online: Behavior & Social Skills
<http://www.ldonline.org/indepth/behavior>

National Resource Center on AD/HD: Relationships & Social Skills
<http://www.help4adhd.org/en/living/relandsoc>

Book Review

Social Skills Activities for Secondary Students with Special Needs



Darlene Mannix has authored 195 worksheets to teach teens how to interact with peers and elders in many common settings. The large paperback, perfectly sized for photocopying to letter-sized paper, is divided into two parts. Part one outlines twenty-seven essential skills with five worksheets each, while part two divides everyday situations by setting (at home, at work, with peers etc.)

Each section of worksheets begins with an instructor's guide and, most innovatively, the "Rationale" behind the skill. The Rationale helps teachers explain to students what each social skill means (e.g., "Someone with a good work ethic is someone who...stays on task until it is completed satisfactorily.") and why it is important to master (e.g., "Being able to negotiate with others is a way to keep relationships going well.").

The book contains too many potential lesson plans to fit within a single course, but the variety of worksheets will allow teachers to pick which are best for their students' learning style. Some are strongly text-based, consisting of short stories and thought-provoking questions. Others employ lively cartoon characters to encourage students to associate facial expressions or speech patterns with meaning. All will stretch students' abilities to identify with others and reflect on their own experiences, preparing them for positive social interactions in the future.

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