Special Needs

Books available at the Columbus Metropolitan Library

PICTURE BOOKS

Hello Goodbye Dog by Maria Gianferrari, 2017
A student who uses a wheelchair finds a way to see her dog each day in school. This book shares information about the role of therapy dogs in the classroom, and it explains the difference between therapy dogs and service dogs. (K-3)

Rescue and Jessica by Jessica Kensky, 2018
Based on a real-life partnership, this book tells the story of a service dog named Rescue. Rescue wanted to grow up to be a seeing-eye dog, but he is paired with a woman without legs. Rescue must learn how he can help his new partner. (PreK-3)

We’re All Wonders by R.J. Palacio, 2017
From the author of the award-winning book Wonder that inspired the Choose Kind movement, this book is geared to a younger audience and focuses on Auggie’s experiences with others due to his extraordinary face. (K-3)

My Brother Charlie by Holly Robinson Peete, 2010
Twins Callie and Charlie have a lot in common, but they are also very different: Charlie has autism. Seen through Callie’s eyes, this story shares the challenges and happy memories that they share. (PreK-2)

The Junkyard Wonders by Patricia Polacco, 2010
A quirky and dedicated teacher of a “special” class helps her students see their true potential. This book is based on the real life experiences of the author, Patricia Polacco. (K-4)

The Alphabet War by Diane Burton Robb, 2004
Adam is experiencing his own war with the alphabet and dyslexia. In addition to an interesting story, this book includes a wealth of information about dyslexia. (K-3)

Isaac and His Amazing Asperger Superpowers! by Melanie Walsh, 2016
This book explains Asperger syndrome in language that kids can understand and relate to. It could be helpful for kids who have a student with Asperger syndrome in their class to understand why their classmate behaves the way he does. (K-3)
**FICTION**

**The War that Saved My Life** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, 2015  
This story of a young disabled girl and her brother who are evacuated from London during World War II contains a character who is thriving in spite of all that she is facing.

**Fish in a Tree** by Linda Mullaly Hunt, 2015  
Ally is a smart girl who is struggling to hide her dyslexia from her teachers and classmates by creating distractions. Ally learns that having a learning disability does not mean she is stupid, and she discovers her own confidence and abilities. (Grades 5-6)

**Rules** by Cynthia Lord, 2006  
Told from the perspective of the older sister of a boy with autism, *Rules* explores some of the frustrations and questions siblings of children with special needs may have. (Grades 3-5)

**Rain Reign** by Ann Martin, 2014  
Rose, a child with autism and OCD, breaks from her routines to search for her dog who goes missing just as a storm hits her town. Written in the first person, this book offers terrific insight into the mind of a young person with autism. (Grades 4-6)

**NONFICTION**

**Uniquely Wired** by Julia Cook, 2018  
Zak has autism, so he sometimes responds to the world around him in unconventional ways. As he describes his point of view, young readers gain a better understanding of his behaviors and learn valuable lessons about patience, tolerance, and understanding. (K-4)

**El Deafo** by Cece Bell, 2014  
This Newbery Honor-winning graphic novel biography tells the story of the author, Cece Bell, and how she lived her life after losing her hearing at the age of four. (Grades 5 and up)

**How to Talk to An Autistic Kid** by Daniel Stefanski, 2011  
Authored by an autistic teenager, this book is written in first-person narration. Daniel recognizes that autistic kids may look and sound different when trying to communicate, but wants the reader to know that they still want to be included. (Grades 3-6)

This book is for kids with ADHD. It explains the disorder, and gives them tips for how to handle situations at school, at home, and with friends.