

Announcing Avon Public School's Family Library

Using IDEA federal funds, Avon Public Schools, in collaboration with SEPTA, has developed a parent resource library.

There are multiple titles of books on many topics related to special needs, Individual Education Programs (IEP), and tools for supporting children with disabilities. This library includes informational texts and reference books for parents as well children's books for those with special needs and their siblings. The Family Library is located at Avon Public School's Central Office at 34 Simsbury Road, Avon, CT. For any family wishing to borrow a book from this library, please contact Robyn Addis at raddis@avon.k12.ct.us or call (860) 404-4710.



For any family wishing to become a member of Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA), please visit septa.avon@gmail.com.

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| <p>C 47 Strings. Tessa's Special Code by Becky Carey</p> | <p>A children's picture book about the remarkable lessons to be learned from a little girl named Tessa, who was born with Down syndrome. 47 Strings is a beautifully illustrated book for children of all ages.</p> |
| <p>C A Friend for Henry by Jenn Bailey</p> | <p>With insight and warmth, this heartfelt story from the perspective of a boy on the autism spectrum celebrates the everyday magic of friendship.</p> |
| <p>C Aurora's Gift: Children's Autism Awareness Book for Kids by Emily Bunny</p> | <p>This rhyming picture story book helps children to understand the world from the point of view of an autistic child and to understand alternative ways of communication that can be used by those with additional needs.</p> |
| <p>C B is for Breathe: The ABCs of Coping with Fussy and Frustrating Feelings by Melissa Munro Boyd</p> | <p>From the letter A to the letter Z, B is for Breathe celebrates the many ways children can express their feelings and develop coping skills at an early age. Fun, cute, and exciting illustrations, this colorful book teaches kids simple ways to cope with fussy and frustrating emotions. This book will inspire kids to discuss their feelings, show positive behaviors, and practice calm down strategies.</p> |
| <p>C Ben's Adventures: Day at the Beach by Elizabeth Gerlach</p> | <p>A heartwarming children's book series about a little boy who demonstrates the power of his imagination. In this fun first adventure in the Ben's Adventures children's book series, you'll smile as you join Ben on his first adventure to the beach. He uses a wheelchair but shows he is just like any other child.</p> |
| <p>C Don't Call Me Special: A First Look at Disability by Pat Thomas</p> | <p>This unique picture book explores questions and concerns about physical disabilities in a simple and reassuring way. Younger children can find out about individual disabilities, special equipment that is available to help the disabled, and how people of all ages can deal with disabilities and live happy and full lives. Titles in this series for younger children explore emotional issues that boys and girls encounter as part of the growing-up process. Books are focused to appeal to kids of preschool through early school age. Written by psychotherapist and counselor Pat Thomas, A First Look At books promote positive interaction among children, parents, and teachers, and encourage kids to ask questions and confront social and emotional questions that sometimes present problems. Books feature appealing full-color illustrations on every page plus a page of advice to parents and teachers.</p> |

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| <p>C Don't Laugh at Me (Reading Rainbow) by Steve Seskin, Allen Shamblin</p> | <p>For anyone who's ever been bullied--or been a bully themselves--it's time to change your tune. This is not a book for whiners, but a new language that will give you the words you need to take charge and stop the cycle of teasing. Filled with inspiration and celebration, Don't Laugh at Me is the anthem for a new bully-free world. Read it, sing it, and cheer!</p> |
| <p>C Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt</p> | <p>The author of the beloved One for the Murphys gives readers an emotionally-charged, uplifting novel that will speak to anyone who's ever thought there was something wrong with them because they didn't fit in. "Everybody is smart in different ways. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its life believing it is stupid."</p> |
| <p>C Growing Friendships: A Kids' Guide to Making and Keeping Friends by Eileen Kennedy-Moore, Christine McLaughlin</p> | <p>This practical, research-based friendship guide has plenty of true-to-life examples presented through more than 200 lighthearted cartoons that make learning fun for kids. Growing Friendships is a toolkit for both girls and boys as they make sense of the social world around them. By reading this highly illustrated book on their own or with a caring adult, children will learn strategies to help them build meaningful friendships and navigate the challenges that come up along the way.</p> |
| <p>C How I Learn: A Kid's Guide to Learning Disability by Brenda S. Miles, Colleen Patterson</p> | <p>How I Learn provides a simple explanation of why some children struggle. It introduces learning disability in concrete terms for younger students, emphasizing that they are capable of learning, but they do so in a different way.</p> |
| <p>C Howie Helps Himself by Joan Fassler</p> | <p>Howie wants to make his father proud of him by learning to move his own wheelchair as his classmates do</p> |
| <p>C Hudson Hates School by Ella Hudson</p> | <p>Hudson is good at a lot of things, but spelling isn't one of them. In fact, having to do spelling tests is one of the many things he HATES about school. After another horrible day Hudson declares he will never go back to school. But one final very different test helps Hudson understand why he is special... and how he can learn to learn!</p> |

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| <p>C I See Things Differently: A First Look at Autism by Pat Thomas</p> | <p>I See Things Differently will help children understand what autism is and how it affects someone who has it, and is a wonderful catalyst for discussion that will help children to better understand and support autistic classmates or siblings. Titles in the sensitively presented A First Look At series explore the dynamics of various relationships experienced by children of preschool through early school age. Kids are encouraged to understand personal feelings and social problems as a first step in dealing with them. Written by psychotherapist and counselor Pat Thomas, these books promote positive interaction among children, parents, and teachers. The story lines are simple and direct--easily accessible to younger children. There are full-color illustrations on every page.</p> |
| <p>C It's Okay To Be Different by Todd Parr</p> | <p>Told with Todd Parr's signature wit and wisdom, It's Okay to Be Different cleverly delivers the important messages of acceptance, understanding, and confidence in an accessible, child-friendly format. The book features the bold, bright colors and silly scenes that made Todd a premiere voice for emotional discussions in children's literature. Targeted to young children first beginning to read, this book will inspire kids to celebrate their individuality through acceptance of others and self-confidence--and it's never too early to develop a healthy self-esteem.</p> |
| <p>C Just Because by Rebecca Elliott</p> | <p>This amusing and often touching story encompasses the issue of disability in a charming celebration of sibling friendship to which all children can relate.</p> |
| <p>C King for a Day by Rukhsana Khan</p> | <p>This lively, contemporary story introduces readers to a centuries-old festival and the traditional sport of kite fighting, and to a spirited, determined young boy who masters the sport while finding his own way to face and overcome life's challenges.</p> |
| <p>C Liam Says "Hi": Learning to Greet a Friend (Lovable Liam) by Jane Whelen-Banks</p> | <p>Introductions can be awkward for many children. For some, however, making eye contact, and acknowledging another person by simply saying "hi" can be a constant challenge. In Liam Says "Hi" Liam manages to overcome his shyness and greet his friend at the door leading to an excellent play date. Vibrant, colourful and lively, this is a lovely, friendly storybook for explaining friendships to young children aged 4+.</p> |
| <p>C Max The Champion by Sean Stockdale, Alex Strick</p> | <p>This inclusive picture book shows disabled children and children without disabilities mixing and enjoying different sports in a natural way.</p> |

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| <p>C Meet ClaraBelle Blue by Adiba U. Nelson</p> | <p>"Meet ClaraBelle Blue" is one of the most diverse children's books on the market. The series helps children see that kids with special needs are just like them, kids - regardless of having a disability! As she likes to say, "I'm ClaraBelle Blue and I'm just like YOU!"</p> |
| <p>C Mrs. Gorski, I Think I Have The Wiggle Fidgets by Barbara Esham</p> | <p>ADD / ADHD? Creative Thinking? Move and Shaker? David doesn't know how he ends up in such situations. At the time, it just seems like a great idea. His teacher, Mrs. Gorski, has had aout enough; he can tell by the way her voice changes when she speaks to him. This time, he believes that he has come up with the best idea yet. The perfect plan to make everything better.</p> |
| <p>C Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly</p> | <p>Full of heart and poignancy, this affecting story by sign language interpreter Lynne Kelly shows how a little determination can make big waves.</p> |
| <p>C Stephen Hawking (Little People, BIG DREAMS) by Sanchez Vegara and Maria Isabel</p> | <p>This board book version of Stephen Hawking—from the critically acclaimed, multimillion-copy best-selling Little People, BIG DREAMS series—introduces the youngest dreamers to the incredible life of this genius physicist and author.</p> |
| <p>C Susan Laughs by Jeanne Willis</p> | <p>Susan laughs, she sings. she rides, she swings. She gets angry, she gets sad, she is good, she is bad... Told in rhyme, this story follows Susan through a series of familiar activities. Told with insight, and without sentimentality, here is an inspiring look at one spunky little girl whose physical disability is never seen as a handicap.</p> |
| <p>C Temple Did It, and I Can, Too!: Seven Simple Life Rules by Jennifer Gilpin Yacio</p> | <p>Winner of a 2015 Academic's Choice Award, this book explains the obstacles Dr. Temple Grandin faced while growing up, the rules she followed to overcome them, and her path to becoming a leading animal scientist and a world-famous advocate for those with autism.</p> |
| <p>C Thank You, Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco</p> | <p>The real-life, classic story of a dyslexic girl and the teacher who would not let her fail. A perfect gift for teachers and for reading students of any age.</p> |
| <p>C The Black Book of Colours by Menena Cottin</p> | <p>Living with the use of one's eyes can make imagining blindness difficult, but this innovative title invites readers to imagine living without sight through remarkable illustrations done with raised lines and descriptions of colors based on imagery. Braille letters accompany the illustrations and a full Braille alphabet offers sighted readers help reading along with their fingers. This extraordinary title gives young readers the ability to experience the world in a new way.</p> |

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| <p>C The Deaf Musicians by Pete Seeger</p> | <p>Authors present a jazzy riff on the power of music, overcoming obstacles, and all the different ways to hear the world.</p> |
| <p>C The Invisible Boy by Trudy Ludwig</p> | <p>From esteemed author and speaker Trudy Ludwig and acclaimed illustrator Patrice Barton, this gentle story shows how small acts of kindness can help children feel included and allow them to flourish. Any parent, teacher, or counselor looking for material that sensitively addresses the needs of quieter children will find <i>The Invisible Boy</i> a valuable and important resource.</p> |
| <p>C Tigger And Jasper's New Home by Cheryl Louise Gillespie</p> | <p>A heart-warming story of two kittens who through amusing happenings, in their new home, soon learn that Christie, their guardian, is blind, Sharing her true experiences of Tigger and Jasper, the author, blind from early childhood, gently acquaints children to Christie, a young blind woman. With expression and humor, the story comes to life as captivated by the brilliant illustrations of Michael LeBlanc.</p> |
| <p>C We'll Paint the Octopus Red by Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen</p> | <p>As six-year-old Emma anticipates the birth of her new baby brother or sister, she vividly imagines all of the things they can do together. Emma feels ready to be a big sister! Then when the baby is born, her dad tells her that it's a boy and he has something called Down syndrome. Finally she asks, "If Isaac has this Down thing, then what can't he do?". Her dad thinks about it, then tells her that as long as they are patient with him, and help him when he needs it, there probably isn't anything Isaac can't do. In this touching story, Emma helps her father as much as he helps her to realize that Isaac is the baby they dreamed of. The book concludes with a set of commonly asked questions about Down syndrome with answers for children and how it might affect their sibling and family. For ages 3-7.</p> |
| <p>C What are your Superpowers? by Marget Wincent</p> | <p>Discover the Superpowers in all children by reading this book with "littles" you love. Each colorful, rhyming page reveals children at work and play, demonstrating their love of dancing, acting, using their service dog to achieve, having sensitive hearing or even using a picture schedule.</p> |
| <p>C What Do You Use to Help Your Body?: Maggie Explores the World of Disabilities by Jewel Kats</p> | <p>Who are the people with disabilities in your neighborhood? Maggie and Momma love going for walks. During every outing, Maggie learns about something new. Today's no different! Momma has arranged for Maggie to meet lots of people in her neighborhood. They all have different jobs. They all come from different cultures. They all use different things to help their bodies. Maggie doesn't just stop to chit-chat. Rather, she gets to the bottom of things. By asking the right question, she discovers how many people with disabilities use aids to help them out.</p> |

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| <p>C When My Worries Get Too Big! A Relaxation Book for Children Who Live With Anxiety by Kari Dunn Buron</p> | <p>Engaging and easy to read, this illustrated children's book is filled with opportunities for children to participate in developing their own self-calming strategies. Children who use the simple strategies in this charming book, illustrated by the author, will find themselves relaxed and ready to focus on work - or play!</p> |
| <p>C Whole Body Listening Larry at Home! 2nd Edition by Kristen Wilson, Elizabeth Sautter</p> | <p>In this charming and colorfully illustrated storybook, authors Sautter and Wilson explore and expand upon the original whole body listening concept created by Susanne Poulette Truesdale (1990). While our WBL Larry books are designed to help all children understand that we listen with more than our ears, these books are also helpful for students with social learning challenges as we explicitly describe implicit expectations about what it means to "listen".</p> |
| <p>C Why Does Izzy Cover Her Ears? Dealing with Sensory Overload by Jennifer Veenendall</p> | <p>Meet Izzy, a feisty first grader, whose behavior is often misunderstood as she tries to cope with sensory overload in her new surroundings. This brightly illustrated book creates an environment that is accepting of students with sensory modulation difficulties, including many on the autism spectrum. It's a great resource for occupational therapists, teachers, and parents to share with children. Resources for adults at the end of the book include definitions of sensory processing and sensory modulation disorder, suggested discussion questions, and lists of related books and websites.</p> |
| <p><i>Teens</i></p> | |
| <p>T Life After High School: A Guide for Students with Disabilities and Their Families by Susan Yellin</p> | <p>This accessible and thoroughly readable book offers help and support to students with disabilities of all kinds, and their families, both before and during the transition to life after high school.</p> |
| <p>T Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger's by John Elder Robison</p> | <p>A born storyteller, Robison has written a moving, darkly funny memoir about a life that has taken him from developing exploding guitars for KISS to building a family of his own. It's a strange, sly, indelible account—sometimes alien yet always deeply human.</p> |
| <p>T Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper</p> | <p>Eleven-year-old Melody is not like most people. She can't walk. She can't talk. She can't write. All because she has cerebral palsy. But she also has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She's the smartest kid in her whole school, but NO ONE knows it. Most people—her teachers, her doctors, her classmates—dismiss her as mentally challenged because she can't tell them otherwise. But Melody refuses to be defined by her disability. And she's determined to let everyone know it...somehow.</p> |

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| <p>T</p> <p>Socially Curious and Curiously Social by Michelle Garcia Winner, Pamela Crooke</p> | <p>This detailed anime guidebook helps teens and young adults sail the stormy seas of dating, texting, lies, and everyday relationships. Targeted strategies encourage readers to better navigate their social worlds, develop stronger social competencies, and manage social anxiety. This book gets rave reviews from adolescent and young adult readers! Parents, educators, and therapists also appreciate how it better equips them to explain in real time the Social Thinking process, helping young adults navigate social situations.</p> |
| <p>T</p> <p>Socially Curious and Curiously Social: A Social Thinking Guidebook for Bright Teens and Young Adults by Michelle Garcia Winner, Pamela Crooke</p> | <p>This anime-illustrated guidebook is written for teens and young adults to learn how the social mind is expected to work in order to effectively relate to others at school, at work, in the community and even at home. Since there is relatively little information on how to talk about social information, this book redefines what it means to be social and it is likely not what you think!</p> |
| <p>T</p> <p>Thriving with ADHD Workbook for Teens: Improve Focus, Get Organized, and Succeed by Allison Tyler, LCSW</p> | <p>Thriving with ADHD Workbook for Teens gives you the tools to understand how ADHD works within your body, and actionable ways that you can use it to your advantage. Learn about some of your untapped strengths and see how you can channel your newly identified talents at school, in sports, and with friends.</p> |
| <p>T</p> <p>Views from Our Shoes: Growing Up with a Brother or Sister with Special Needs by Donald Joseph Meyer</p> | <p>In Views From Our Shoes, 45 siblings share their experiences as the brother or sister of someone with a disability. The children whose essays are featured here range from four to eighteen and are the siblings of youngsters with a variety of special needs, including autism, cerebral palsy, developmental delays, ADD, hydrocephalus, visual and hearing impairments, Down and Tourette syndromes. Their personal tales introduce young siblings to others like them, perhaps for the first time, and allow them to compare experiences. A glossary of disabilities provides easy-to-understand definitions of many of the conditions mentioned.</p> |
| <p>Parents</p> | |
| <p>P</p> <p>100 Learning Games for Special Needs with Music, Movement, Sounds and... Silence by Johanne Hanko</p> | <p>Games and activities are a great way for children with special needs to learn important skills. This book provides inspiration and guidance for special education teachers, teaching assistants, parents and carers on how to use lively and engaging play ideas to foster learning and development.</p> |

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| <p>P</p> <p>A Guide to Collaboration for IEP Teams by Nicholas R.M. Martin</p> | <p>Written in a user-friendly and conversational style, this much-needed book is supplemented with checklists, outlines, diagrams, and specific examples to make the complex simple. Incorporating the feedback and suggestions of hundreds of special education professionals, this book will be of invaluable help to you and your fellow team members as you work together to create the best possible IEPs for the children in your care.</p> |
| <p>P</p> <p>Basic Facts About Dyslexia & Other Reading Problems 1st Edition by Louisa Cook Moats, Karen E. Dakin</p> | <p>A must-have guide for any parent or teacher of a child struggling to learn to read, this essential resource begins by answering the question “What is Dyslexia?” The authors have masterfully selected and distilled the most significant research in the field to provide clear and detailed explanations of the: 1) widely accepted research-based definition of dyslexia; 2) identification and treatment of dyslexia at various stages of development; 3) emotional consequences of reading difficulties; 4) current research on the role of genetics and the brain; 5) essential elements of effective reading instruction; and 6) treatment options for the most severe cases of dyslexia and other reading problems.</p> |
| <p>P</p> <p>Building Resilience in Children and Teens: Giving Kids Roots and Wings by Kenneth R. Ginsburg with Martha M. Jablow</p> | <p>This award-winning guide from bestselling author and pediatrician Dr. Ken Ginsburg guides parents and other caring adults how to help kids from the age of 18 months to 18 years build the seven crucial "C's"—competence, confidence, connection, character, contribution, coping, and control. These are the critical ingredients young people need to bounce back from life's challenges and thrive far into the future. This invaluable book will guide you how to put into place the parenting style and communication strategies that will prepare your child for a meaningful and successful life.</p> |
| <p>P</p> <p>Chicken Soup for the Soul: Children with Special Needs: Stories of Love and Understanding for Those Who Care for Children with Disabilities by Jack Canfield</p> | <p>No additional description</p> |
| <p>P</p> <p>Differently Wired: Raising an Exceptional Child in a Conventional World by Deborah Reber</p> | <p>Today millions of kids are stuck in a world that doesn't embrace who they really are. They are the one in five “differently wired” children with ADHD, dyslexia, giftedness, autism, anxiety, or other neurodifferences, and their challenges are many. And for the parents who love them, the challenges are just as numerous, as they struggle to find the right school, the right support, the right path. But now there's hope. Differently Wired is a revolutionary book—weaving together personal stories and a tool kit of expert advice from author Deborah Reber, it's a how-to, a manifesto, and a reassuring companion for parents who can so often feel that they have no place to turn.</p> |

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| <p>P</p> <p>Early Communication Skills for Children with Down Syndrome: A Guide for Parents and Professionals by Libby Kumin</p> | <p>This third edition features expanded information on the needs of children with apraxia, dual diagnosis of autism and Down syndrome, and updated terminology and information on special education law. An expanded chapter explains how technology and augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) can help with speech and language, foster communication, and provide inexpensive transitional language systems.</p> |
| <p>P</p> <p>Helping Your Anxious Child, 2nd Edition by Ronald M. Rapee Ann Wignall Susan H. Spence Vanessa Cobham Heidi Lyneham</p> | <p>This expanded and updated version of a best-selling classic guides readers to help a child overcome anxiety and fears. It describes in detail strategies and techniques they can combine into a comprehensive self-help program for a child's particular needs. From separation anxiety to general anxiety, social anxiety, specific phobia and panic disorder, <i>Helping Your Anxious Child, Second Edition</i> describes the common types of childhood anxiety, how anxiety originates, and options for dealing with the problem, with or without a therapist's help.</p> |
| <p>P</p> <p>Late, Lost, and Unprepared: A Parents' Guide to Helping Children with Executive Functioning by Joyce Cooper-Kahn, Laurie Dietzel</p> | <p>Late, Lost, and Unprepared is a must-have book for parents of children from primary school through high school who struggle with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Impulse Control (taking turns, interrupting others, running off) · Cognitive Flexibility (adapting to new situations, transitions, handling frustrations) · Initiation (starting homework, chores, and major projects) · Working Memory (following directions, note-taking, reading and retaining info) · Planning & Organizing (completing and turning in homework, juggling schedules) · Self-monitoring (making careless errors, staying on topic, getting into trouble but not understanding why) |
| <p>p</p> <p>No More Meltdowns: Positive Strategies for Managing and Preventing Out-Of-Control Behavior by Jed Baker</p> | <p>Dr. Baker offers an easy-to-follow, four-step model that will improve your everyday relationships with the children in your life, including managing your own emotions by adjusting your expectations, learning strategies to calm a meltdown in the moment, understanding why a meltdown occurs, and creating plans to prevent future meltdowns.</p> |
| <p>P</p> <p>Organizing Solutions for People with ADHD, 2nd Edition-Revised and Updated: Tips and Tools to Help You Take Charge of Your Life and Get Organized by Susan C. Pinsky</p> | <p>Organizing Solutions for People with ADD, 2nd Edition outlines new organizing strategies that will be of value to anyone who wants to improve their organizational skills. This revised and updated version also includes tips and techniques for keeping your latest technologies in order and for staying green and recycling with ease.</p> |

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| <p>P</p> <p>Raising an Organized Child: 5 Steps to Boost Independence, Ease Frustration, and Promote Confidence by Damon Korb</p> | <p>Organized children are raised, not born. That's the philosophy behind this confidence-building, sanity-saving book. Fostering organized thinking in your child will help with concrete concerns (think a tidier bedroom!) and build critical life skills like learning to plan and grasping the big picture. Dr. Korb's 5 Steps to Raising an Organized Child apply to all ages. So, whether you have an infant or a teenager, it's never too late (or too early!) to foster organization in him or her and harmony in your whole family. Raising an Organized Child presents specific activities for your child's age and developmental level to improve executive function. No matter if your child is just your average chaotic kid or struggling with additional challenges like ADHD, you can boost your child's organization and lower your frustration with Dr. Korb's guidance.</p> |
| <p>P</p> <p>Reflections from a Different Journey: What Adults with Disabilities Wish All Parents Knew by Stanley D. Klein, Marlee Matlin (Foreword), John D. Kemp</p> | <p>40 stories by successful adults who grew up with disabilities. They provide insights into what it is like to persevere in the face of community prejudices, and what it takes for families and children with disabilities to work together toward fulfillment.</p> |
| <p>P</p> <p>Retarded Isn't Stupid, Mom! by Sandra Z. Kaufman</p> | <p>Retarded Isn't Stupid, Mom! remains a celebration of all that a child can grow to be.</p> |
| <p>P</p> <p>Smart but Scattered: The Revolutionary "Executive Skills" Approach to Helping Kids Reach Their Potential by Peg Dawson, Richard Guare</p> | <p>There's nothing more frustrating than watching your bright, talented son or daughter struggle with everyday tasks like finishing homework, putting away toys, or following instructions at school. Your "smart but scattered" child might also have trouble coping with disappointment or managing anger. Drs. Peg Dawson and Richard Guare have great news: there's a lot you can do to help.</p> |
| <p>P</p> <p>Social Rules for Kids-The Top 100 Social Rules Kids Need to Succeed by Susan Diamond</p> | <p>Many parents are not sure of what to say and do to help their children improve their social interactions. This book helps open the door of communication between parent and child by addressing 100 social rules for home, school, and the community. Using simple, easy-to-follow rules covering topics such as body language, manners, feelings, and more, this book aims to make students' lives easier and more successful by outlining specific ways to interact with others on a daily basis.</p> |

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| <p>P</p> <p>The Complete Guide to Special Education, 3rd Edition by Linda Wilmshurst, Alan W. Brue</p> | <p>Explores the special education process from testing and diagnosis to IEP meetings and advocating for special needs children. The stages of identification, assessment, and intervention are explained step by step to help you better understand special needs students' legal rights and how to become an active, effective member of a child's educational team. This third edition has been revised throughout and discusses Response to Intervention (RTI); provides updates on new laws and regulations; expands coverage of autism spectrum disorders and bipolar disorder; and includes a revamped Resources section for teachers and parents.</p> |
| <p>P</p> <p>The Explosive Child A New Approach for Understanding and Parenting Easily Frustrated Chronically Inflexible Children by Ross W. Green, PhD.</p> | <p>A groundbreaking approach to understanding and parenting children who frequently exhibit severe fits of temper and other intractable behaviors, from a distinguished clinician and pioneer in this field.</p> |
| <p>P</p> <p>Thinking differently: An inspiring guide for parents of children with learning disabilities by David Flink</p> | <p>An innovative, comprehensive guide—the first of its kind—to help parents understand and accept learning disabilities in their children, offering tips and strategies for successfully advocating on their behalf and helping them become their own best advocates.</p> |
| <p>P</p> <p>Thinking in Pictures And Other Reports from My Life with Autism by Temple Grandin</p> | <p>Temple Grandin, Ph.D., is a gifted animal scientist who has designed one third of all the livestock-handling facilities in the United States. She also lectures widely on autism—because Temple Grandin is autistic, a woman who thinks, feels, and experiences the world in ways that are incomprehensible to the rest of us. In this unprecedented book, Grandin delivers a report from the country of autism. Writing from the dual perspectives of a scientist and an autistic person, she tells us how that country is experienced by its inhabitants and how she managed to breach its boundaries to function in the outside world. What emerges in Thinking in Pictures is the document of an extraordinary human being, one who, in gracefully and lucidly bridging the gulf between her condition and our own, sheds light on the riddle of our common identity.</p> |
| <p>P</p> <p>Unwritten Rules of Social Relationships: Decoding Social Mysteries Through the Unique Perspectives of Autism by Temple Grandin, Veronica Zysk (Editor), Sean Barron</p> | <p>Both Temple and Sean ultimately came to terms with the social world and found their places in it. Whether you are a person with autism, a caregiver in the autism community, or just someone interested in an outsider view of society, their powerful stories will enthrall and enlighten you.</p> |

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Why Teach Social Thinking?

by Michelle Garcia Winner

Why Teach Social Thinking? drives home the importance of social emotional learning to a student's academic success and later success in life. Author Michelle Garcia Winner connects the dots from social emotional learning to the Common Core Standards to increased likelihood of success in adulthood.

Through exploring 12 core questions, Winner attempts to raise awareness of the many complex and interrelated issues that are at the heart of teaching social skills.

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Wrightslaw: All About IEPs - Answers to

Frequently Asked Questions About IEPs

by Peter Wright, Pamela Wright, Sandra O'Connor

Whether you are the parent of a child with special education needs, a seasoned educator, or a professional advocate, you have questions about Individualized Education Programs, (IEPs). In this comprehensive, easy to read book, you will find clear, concise answers to frequently asked questions about IEPs. Learn what the law says about IEP Teams and IEP Meetings, Parental Rights and Consent, Steps in Developing the IEP, Placement, Transition, Assistive Technology and Strategies to Resolve Disagreements.