

Never Sell Yourself Short / Stephanie Riggs (j 618.92 Rig)
A book about dwarfism.

Some Kids Wear Leg Braces / Lola M. Schaefer (j 362.43 Sch)

Shelley, the Hyperactive Turtle / Deborah Moss (j 618.9285 Mos P-T)
After his mother takes him to the doctor, Shelley the turtle begins to understand why he feels so jumpy and wiggly inside that he can't stay still.

Otto Learns about His Medicine: A Story about Medication for Children with ADHD / Matthew Galvin (j 618.9285 Gal P-T)
Otto, a fidgety young car that has trouble paying attention in school, visits a special mechanic who prescribes a medicine to control his hyperactive behavior.

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Kids Like Us

Picture books and non-fiction featuring kids with special needs for children in preschool - grade 3

Suggestions from the Mt. Lebanon Public Library

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*The following titles may be found in the picture book section unless otherwise noted.
Non-fiction call numbers that end in "P-T" may be found in the Parent-Teacher collection.*

Kids with Autism / Asperger Syndrome

Picture books:

Looking after Louis / Lesley Ely

When a new boy with autism joins their classroom, the children try to understand his world and to include him in theirs.

My Brother Charlie / Holly Robinson Peete

A girl tells what it is like living with her twin brother who has autism but who, in most ways, is just like any other boy.

Understanding Sam and Asperger Syndrome / Clarabelle van Niekerk

When Sam is diagnosed with a form of autism called Asperger syndrome, his family and teachers learn how to help him succeed.

Non-fiction (j 616.85882):

Russell's World: A Story for Kids about Autism /
Charles A. Amenta III (j 616.85882 Ame)

I Know Someone with Autism / Sue Barraclough (j 616.85882 Bar)

My Friend with Autism / Beverly Bishop (j 616.85882 Bis)
A young child describes the good things about his autistic friend, and the things he has difficulty with.

Different like Me: My Book of Autism Heroes / Jennifer Elder
(j 616.85882 Eld)

Autism and Me: Sibling Stories / Ouisie Shapiro (j 616.85882 Sha)

Ian's Walk / Laurie Lears (j 616.85882 Lea P-T)
A young girl realizes how much she cares for her autistic brother Ian when he gets lost at the park.

Kids who are Blind

To find books written in Braille, do a subject search
in the online catalog for **Braille books — Specimens.**

Picture books:

See You Tomorrow, Charles / Miriam Cohen
First graders learn to accept the new boy, who is blind.

Anna & Natalie / Barbara H. Cole
Anna and her seeing-eye dog are chosen to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Helen's Big World: The Life of Helen Keller / Doreen Rappaport
(j 92K KELLER Rap)

Non-fiction (j 362.41):

We Can Do It! / Laura Dwight (j 362.4 Dwi)
Depicts children living with spina bifida, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, or blindness with the help of family and friends.

Blindness / Angela Royston (j 362.41 Roy)

Brothers and Sisters / Laura Dwight (j 362.4 Dwi)
In Brothers and Sisters, we meet a number of sibling groups in which at least one member has a physical disability.

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Depicts children living with spina bifida, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, or blindness with the help of family and friends.

Views from Our Shoes: Growing Up with a Brother or Sister with Special Needs / Donald Meyer (j 362.4)

Just Kids: Visiting a Class for Children with Special Needs /
Ellen B. Senisi (j 371.9 Sen)
Second-grader Cindy is assigned to spend part of each day in the class for students with special needs, where she finds out that even though some kids may learn differently or have different abilities, they are all "just kids."

Ballerina Dreams: A True Story / Lauren Thompson (j 616.836 Tho)
True story of five little girls with cerebral palsy or other physical disabilities who were determined to become ballerinas.

Becky the Brave / by Laurie Lears (j 616.853 Lea P-T)
Nothing seems to scare Sarah's big sister Becky, until having an epileptic seizure makes her reluctant to return to school, and so Sarah summons her own courage to explain the disease to the other students.

Lee, the Rabbit with Epilepsy / Deborah M. Moss (j 616.853 Mos)
Lee is diagnosed as having epilepsy, but medicine to control her seizures reduces her worries and she learns she can still lead a normal life.

The Alphabet War: A Story about Dyslexia / Diane Burton Robb
(j 616.8553 Rob)
Learning to read is a great struggle for Adam, but with expert help, hard work, and belief in himself, he wins "The Alphabet War."

The Making of My Special Hand: Madison's Story /
Jamee Riggio Heelan (j 617.57 Hee)
A child who was born with one hand tells the story of how people at the hospital made a helper hand for her, and how she can use it.

Non-fiction (j 362.4):

It's Ok to Be Me! / Jennifer Moore-Mallinos (j 362.4 Moo)

The story of a child in a wheelchair who explains how he can do almost anything that other children can do.

Using a Wheelchair / Angela Royston (j 362.4 Roy)

Dancing Wheels / Patricia McMahon (j 792.8 Mcm)

The Dancing Wheels dance troupe incorporate the movements of dancers who dance standing up and those who are in wheelchairs.

Other & Multiple Needs

For specific needs not listed or additional suggestions, do a keyword search in the online catalog or ask a librarian.

Picture books:

How Smudge Came / Nan Gregory

Cindy finds a stray dog to love and shares it with a blind man at the hospice where she works because she is not allowed to keep it at home.

Hudson Hates School / Ella Hudson

Hudson, who loves to make things but hates going to school, fails a spelling test and meets with a special teacher, who discovers Hudson has a very different way of learning things.

Special People, Special Ways / Arlene Maguire

The many ways in which handicapped people differ from one another.

All Kinds of Friends, Even Green! / Ellen B. Senisi

Seven-year-old Moses, who has spina bifida and uses a wheelchair, reflects that his neighbor's disabled iguana resembles him because they both have figured out different ways how to get where they want to be.

Non-fiction:

Extraordinary friends / Fred Rogers (j 362.4 Rog)

Focuses on people who are different, who might use equipment such as wheelchairs or special computers, who are more like you than you might think, and suggests ways to interact with them.

Kids with Cerebral Palsy**Picture books:**

Be Quiet, Marina! / Kirsten DeBear

A noisy little girl with cerebral palsy and a quiet little girl with Down Syndrome learn to play together and eventually become best friends.

Nathan's Wish: A Story about Cerebral Palsy / Laurie Lears

A boy with cerebral palsy helps out at a raptor rehabilitation center and is inspired himself when an owl that cannot fly finds another purpose in life.

Non-fiction (j 362.19 and j 616.836)

Stretching Ourselves / Alden R. Carter (j 362.19 Car)

Focuses on the daily lives of 3 children with varying degrees of cerebral palsy.

Living with Cerebral Palsy / Susan H. Gray (j 362.19 Gra)

Ballerina Dreams: A True Story / Lauren Thompson (j 616.836 Tho)

True story of five little girls with cerebral palsy or other physical disabilities who were determined to become ballerinas.

Kids who are Deaf**Picture books:**

Moses Goes to the Circus / Isaac Millman

Moses, who is deaf, has a good time with his family at the circus, where they communicate using sign language.

Moses Goes to a Concert / Isaac Millman

Moses and his deaf schoolmates attend a concert where the orchestra's percussionist is also deaf. Includes illustrations in sign language.

Moses Goes to School / Isaac Millman

Moses and his friends enjoy the first day at their special school for the deaf and hard of hearing, where they use sign language to talk.

Dad and Me in the Morning / Patricia Lakin

A deaf boy and his father share a special time as they watch the sun rise at the beach.

Non-fiction (j 362.42):

Being Deaf / Linda O'Neill (j 362.42 One)

Deafness / Angela Royston (j 362.42 Roy)

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Kids with Down Syndrome**Picture books:**

Big Brother Dustin / Alden R. Carter

A boy with Down Syndrome helps his parents and grandparents get ready for the birth of his baby sister.

Dustin's Big School Day / Alden R. Carter

Second-grader Dustin, who has Down syndrome, anticipates the arrival of two very special guests at his school one day.

Be Quiet, Marina! / Kirsten DeBear

A noisy little girl with cerebral palsy and a quiet little girl with Down Syndrome learn to play together and eventually become best friends.

Be Good to Eddie Lee / Virginia Fleming

When Eddie Lee, a boy with Down Syndrome, follows Christy into the woods, he shares several special discoveries with her.

The Best Worst Brother / Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen

Older sister Emma tries to be patient while teaching 3-year-old Isaac, who has Down syndrome, how to communicate using sign language.

We'll Paint the Octopus Red / Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen

Emma and her father discuss what they will do when the new baby arrives, but they adjust their expectations when he is born with Down syndrome.

My Friend Isabelle / Eliza Woloson

A young boy named Charlie describes the activities he shares with his friend Isabelle, a girl with Down Syndrome.

Toddler Books:

I Can, Can You? / Marjorie W. Pitzer (j T PITZER)

Photos show all the activities children with Down syndrome can do.

My Up & Down & All Around Book / Marjorie W. Pitzer

(j T PITZER)

Non-fiction (j 616.85):

Down Syndrome / Angela Royston (j 616.85 Roy)

I Know Someone with Down Syndrome / Vic Parker (j 616.858842 Par)

Kids in Wheelchairs**Picture books:**

Arnie and the New Kid / Nancy Carlson

When an accident requires Arnie to use crutches, he begins to understand the limits and possibilities of his new classmate, who has a wheelchair.

Nice Wheels / Gwendolyn Hooks (j Er PRIMER HOOKS)

The classmates of a new boy at school find that, although he is in a wheelchair, he can do what they do.

All Kinds of Friends, Even Green! / Ellen B. Senisi

Seven-year-old Moses, who has spina bifida and uses a wheelchair, reflects that his neighbor's disabled iguana resembles him because they both have figured out different ways how to get where they want to be.

Best Friend on Wheels / Debra Shirley

A young girl relates all the ways she and her best friend, Sarah, are alike, in spite of the fact that Sarah uses a wheelchair.

Helping Sophia / Anastasia Suen

When Sophia's helper is absent, her fellow third-graders help out by learning how to push her wheelchair.

Susan Laughs / Jeanne Willis

Rhyming couplets describe a wide range of common emotions and activities experienced by a little girl who uses a wheelchair.