



Children and Disabilities

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Grade Level	Title Information	Call Number
BIG BOOKS		
PreK-2	Rickert, Janet Elizabeth. <i>Russ and the Firehouse</i> . New York: MacMillan/McGraw-Hill, 2000. (Developmental and Physical) Russ, a five-year-old with down syndrome, visits his uncle's firehouse and gets to help with the daily chores.	BB R423R
EASY		
PreK-3	Best, Cari. <i>My Three Best Friends and Me, Zulay</i> . New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2015. (Physical) Zulay is a blind girl who longs to be able to run in the race on field and track day at her school.	E B4643MY
K-3	Brown, Beverly Swerdlow. <i>Oliver's High Five</i> . Santa Fe, NM: Health Press, 1998. (Physical) Oliver Octopus, who was born with five arms instead of eight, has trouble getting hired for a job because he is physically different from what people expect.	E B8123O
PreK-3	Bunnett, Rochelle. <i>Friends in the Park</i> . New York: Checkerboard Press,	E B885F

1992. (Developmental and Physical)

This photographic essay is distinctive in that the special needs of many of the children are portrayed. The genial assembly of youngsters includes several born with Down Syndrome or cerebral palsy, and others affected by less physically obvious disorders. But as the children offer one another pushes on swings and drinks of water from a hose, share toys and ride happily in a variety of vehicles--from wheelchairs to tricycles--what surfaces is how very much they have in common.

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| PreK-3 | Chong, Chin-ho. <i>Look Up!</i> New York: Holiday House, 2016. (Physical) | E
C4552L |
| | When a girl in a wheelchair calls to people far below to look up and see her, one finds a way to brighten her day. | |
| PreK-3 | Cocca-Leffler, Maryann. <i>Janine</i> . Chicago, IL: Albert Whitman & Company, 2015. (Developmental) | E
C64JA |
| | Janine is one of a kind. She focuses on the positive while navigating life with disabilities. She makes a difference just by being herself. | |
| PreK-3 | Duchesne, Christiane. <i>Peter's Secret</i> . Minneapolis, MN: Picture Window Books, 2006. (Physical) | E
D857P |
| | Peter has not told anyone the secret of why he is different from other children, but when a new student joins his class, he wonders if he can tell her. | |
| PreK-2 | Dungy, Tony. <i>You Can Be a Friend</i> . New York: Little Simon Inspirations, 2011. (Physical) | E
D919YOB |
| | Jade wants to be friends with the new girl, but Hannah's wheelchair seems to present an obstacle until Jade is reminded that everyone is special in God's eyes. | |
| K-2 | Elliott, Rebecca. <i>Just Because</i> . Oxford: Lion, 2010. (Developmental) | E
EL588J |
| | A younger brother describes all the fun he has with the big sister he loves so much just because. He is enthusiastic about just how loving and special she is, and delights in telling us about all the fun things they do together. Only as his tale unfolds does the reader begin to realize that his sister has special needs and by then the reader just accepts, as he does, all the wonderful things about her. | |
| PreK-3 | Flemming, Virginia. <i>Be Good to Eddie Lee</i> . New York: Philomel Books, 1993. (Developmental and Physical) | E
F6298B |
| | Although Christy considered him a pest, when Eddie Lee, a boy with Down Syndrome, follows her into the woods, he shares several special discoveries with her. | |

K	Flood, Bo, and Julianna Swaney. <i>I Will Dance</i> . First edition. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2020. (Developmental and Physical)	E F6591I
	Eva's cerebral palsy makes it difficult for her to do many things, but she longs to dance and, finally, her dream is realized. Includes author's note and information about Young Dance Company.	
PreK-3	Glaser, Edie A. <i>All Children Have Different Eyes: Learn to Play and Make Friends</i> . Whittier, CA: Vidi Press, 2007. (Developmental and Physical)	E G4621A
	Spend a day with Tommy and Wendy and find out what it's really like to play and make friends with kids who see in different ways.	
PreK-3	Glenn, Sharlee. <i>Keeping Up with Roo</i> . New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2004. (Developmental)	E G4871K
	Gracie has always had a special bond with her Aunt Roo, who is mentally disabled, but that relationship starts to change when Gracie begins school.	
1-3	Goldin, Barbara Diamond, and Jaime Zollars. <i>Cakes and Miracles: A Purim Tale</i> . New York: Marshall Cavendish Children, 2010. (Physical)	E G5691C
	Young, blind Hershel finds that he has special gifts he can use to help his mother during the Jewish holiday of Purim. Includes author's notes about the holiday and its origins.	
K-1	Hooks, Gwendolyn. <i>Nice Wheels!</i> New York: Children's Press, 2005. (Physical)	E H7643N
	The classmates of a new boy at school find that, although he is in a wheelchair, he can do what they do.	
PreK-3	Kensky, Jessica, Patrick Downes, and Scott Magoon. <i>Rescue & Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship</i> . First edition. Somerville, Massachusetts: Candlewick Press, 2018. (Physical)	E K412R
	When he is paired with a girl who has lost her legs, Rescue worries that he isn't up to the task of being her service dog.	
1-3	Klise, Kate. <i>Stand Straight, Ella Kate: The True Story of a Real Giant</i> . New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2010. (Physical)	E K689S
	A fictionalized biography of Ella Kate Ewing, born in 1872, who was eight feet tall by the age of seventeen and who became financially independent by traveling the country for nearly twenty years appearing at museums, exhibitions, and in circus shows.	

PreK-2	Mayer, Gina. <i>A Very Special Critter</i> . New York: Golden Books; Racine, WI: Western Pub. Co., 1992. (Physical)	E M4524V
	Alex joins Little Critter's class at school, but because he's in a wheelchair, nobody knows how to treat him.	
K-3	Polacco, Patricia. <i>The Art of Miss Chew</i> . New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2012. (Developmental and Learning)	E P7569ART
	Describes how a teacher named Miss Chew encouraged individuality, and accepted learning differences, and helped a young student with academic difficulties get extra time to take tests and permission to be in advanced art classes.	
1-4	Polacco, Patricia. <i>Junkyard Wonders</i> . New York: Philomel Books, 2010. (Developmental, Learning, and Physical)	E P7569JUN
	Inspired by a teacher who believes each of them is a genius, a class of special-needs students invents something that could convince the whole school they are justifiably proud to be "Junkyard Wonders."	
K-2	Rau, Dana Meachen. <i>The Secret Code</i> . New York: Children's Press, 1998. (Physical)	E R19SE
	Oscar, who is blind, teaches Lucy how to read his Braille book.	
PreK-K	Reichert, Paul. <i>The Lemonade Ripple: A Sweet Story of Kindness and Charity</i> . New York: Better World Kids Books, 2012. (Physical)	E R2718L
	Caroline sets up a stand to sell her Grandmother's sweet lemonade to raise money for the new wheelchair her friend Shannon needs, which inspires others to help, as well, in bigger and better ways. Includes tips for encouraging children to be philanthropic.	
3-7	Say, Allen. <i>Silent Days, Silent Dreams</i> . First edition. New York, NY: Arthur A. Levine Books, an imprint of Scholastic Inc., 2017. (Developmental and Physical)	E SA991S
	A fictionalized biography of James Castle, a deaf, autistic artist whose drawings hang in major museums throughout the world.	
PreK-3	Seeger, Pete. <i>The Deaf Musicians</i> . New York: Putnam, 2006. (Physical)	E SE3261D
	Lee, a jazz pianist, has to leave his band when he begins losing his hearing, but he meets a deaf saxophone player in a sign language class and together they form a snazzy new band.	
K-3	Segré, Chiara Valentina. <i>Lola and I</i> . Markham, ON: Fitzhenry & Whiteside,	E SE38L

2015. (Physical)

A story about the special friendship between a young girl and her dog, featuring a surprise ending.

PreK-2 Sotomayor, Sonia, and Rafael López. **Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You.** New York: Philomel Books, 2019. (Developmental, Emotional, and Physical) E
SO786J

A group of children with different abilities and strengths come together to build a community garden.

PreK-4 Suen, Anastasia. **Helping Sophia.** Edina, MN: Magic Wagon, 2008. (Physical) E
SU24H

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

FICTION

9-12 Barnard, Sara. **A Quiet Kind of Thunder.** Simon Pulse hardcover edition. New York: Simon Pulse, 2018. (Developmental, Mental, and Physical) F
B256Q

Steffi doesn't talk. Rhys can't hear. They understand each other perfectly. Love isn't always a lightning strike. Sometimes it's the rumbling roll of thunder ... Steffi has been a selective mute for most of her life - she's been silent for so long that she feels completely invisible. But Rhys, the new boy at school, sees her. He's deaf, and her knowledge of basic sign language means that she's assigned to look after him. To Rhys it doesn't matter that Steffi doesn't talk and, as they find ways to communicate, Steffi finds that she does have a voice, and that she's falling in love with the one person who makes her feel brave enough to use it.

4-6 Bildner, Phil. **Rookie of the Year.** New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2016. (Developmental and Mental) F
B491R

Rip and Red find that fifth grade continues to challenge them in brand-new ways and discover that sometimes radical change is nothing to be afraid of.

5-8 Bowling, Dusti. **Insignificant Events In the Life of a Cactus.** New York: Sterling Children's Books, 2017. (Physical) F
B682I

New friends and a mystery help Aven, thirteen, adjust to middle school and life at a dying western theme park in a new state, where her being born armless presents many challenges.

4-7 Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. **The War That Saved My Life.** New York, New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Penguin Group F
B7286W

(USA) LLC, 2015. (Physical)

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

- 5-8 Bundy, Tamara. *Walking with Miss Millie*. New York, NY: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2017. (Physical) F
B8828W
- After moving with her mother and deaf brother to Grandma's small Georgia town in the 1960s, Alice copes with feelings of isolation by befriending the elderly black woman who lives next door.
- 5-8 Cartaya, Pablo. *Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish*. New York, New York: Viking, 2018. (Developmental and Physical) F
C242M
- After a fight at school leaves Marcus facing suspension, Marcus's mother takes him and his younger brother, who has Down syndrome, to Puerto Rico to visit relatives they do not remember or have never met, and while there Marcus starts searching for his father, who left their family ten years ago and is somewhere on the island.
- 6-12 Cozzo, Karole. *How to Keep Rolling After a Fall*. New York: Swoon Reads, 2016. (Physical) F
C83997H
- Mean girl Nikki Baylor, accused of a cyberbullying incident that nearly resulted in a classmate's suicide, is expelled from school, abandoned by her friends, and distrusted by her parents but she gets a second chance after meeting Pax, a spirited wheelchair rugby player.
- 5-7 Cushman, Karen. *Alchemy and Meggy Swann*. Boston: Clarion Books, 2010. (Physical) F
C952A
- In 1573, the crippled, scorned, and destitute Meggy Swann goes to London, where she meets her father, an impoverished alchemist, and eventually discovers that although her legs are bent and weak, she has many other strengths.
- 9-12 Demetrios, Heather. *I'll Meet You There*. First edition. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2015. (Physical) F
D3948I
- Skylar Evans, seventeen, yearns to escape Creek View by attending art school, but after her mother's job loss puts her dream at risk, a rekindled friendship with Josh, who joined the Marines to get away then lost a leg in Afghanistan, and her job at the Paradise motel lead her to appreciate her home town.
- 5-12 Draper, Sharon. *Out of My Mind*. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2010. (Developmental and Physical) F
D7918O

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

- 3-7 Eames, Brian. *The Dagger Quick*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2011. (Physical) F
EA62D
- Twelve-year-old Christopher "Kitto" Wheale, a clubfooted boy seemingly doomed to follow in the boring footsteps of his father as a cooper in seventeenth-century England, finds himself on a dangerous seafaring adventure with his newly discovered uncle, the infamous pirate William Quick.
- 9-12 Flake, Sharon. *Pinned*. New York: Scholastic Press, 2012. (Developmental, Learning, and Physical) F
F598P
- Adonis is smart, intellectually gifted and born without legs; Autumn is strong, a great wrestler, and barely able to read in ninth grade--but Autumn is attracted to Adonis and determined to make him a part of her life whatever he or her best friend thinks.
- 4-7 Fussell, Sandy, and Rhian Nest James. *White Crane*. 1st U.S. ed. Somerville, Mass.: Candlewick Press, 2010. (Physical) F
F987WH
- Even though he has only one leg, Niya Moto is studying to be a samurai, and his five fellow-students are similarly burdened, but sensei Ki-Yaga, an ancient but legendary warrior, teaches them not only physical skills but mental and spiritual ones as well, so that they are well-equipped to face their most formidable opponents at the annual Samurai Games.
- 9-12 Giles, Gail. *Girls Like Us*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2014. (Developmental, Emotional, and Physical) F
G3923G
- Graduating from their school's special education program, Quincy and Bidy are placed together in their first independent apartment and discover unexpected things they have in common in the face of past challenges and a harrowing trauma.
- 3-7 Hashimi, Nadia. *One Half From the East*. First edition. New York, NY: Harper, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers, 2016. (Physical) F
H2732O
- Obayda's family is in need of some good fortune. Her father lost one of his legs in a bomb explosion, forcing the family to move from their home city of Kabul to a small village, where life is very different and Obayda's father almost never leaves his room. One day, Obayda's aunt has an idea to bring the family luck -- dress Obayda, the youngest of her sisters, as a boy, a bacha posh. Now Obayda is Obayd. Life in this in-between place is confusing, but once Obayda meets another bacha posh, everything changes. The two of them can explore the village on their own, climbing trees, playing sports, and more. But their transformation won't last forever -- unless the two best

friends can figure out a way to make it stick and make their newfound freedoms endure.

- 7-12 Henry, April. *Girl, Stolen*. New York: Henry Holt, 2010. (Emotional and Physical) F
H3961G
- When an impulsive carjacking turns into a kidnapping, Griffin, a high school dropout, finds himself more in sympathy with his wealthy, blind victim, sixteen-year-old Cheyenne, than with his greedy father.
- 6-12 Kamata, Suzanne. *Gadget Girl: The Art of Being Invisible*. Boston, MA: Gemma, 2013. (Developmental and Physical) F
K1279G
- Aiko Cassidy, a fourteen-year-old with cerebral palsy, tired of posing for the sculptures that have made her mother famous, dreams of going to Japan to meet her father and become a great manga artist, but takes a life-changing trip to Paris, instead.
- 4-6 Kelly, Lynne. *Song for a Whale*. First edition. New York: Delacorte Press, 2019. (Physical) F
K29775S
- Twelve-year-old Iris and her grandmother, both deaf, fly from Texas to California and then take a cruise ship to Alaska-- armed with Iris's plan to help Blue-55, a whale unable to communicate with other whales.
- 5-9 Kephart, Beth. *Wild Blues*. First edition. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2018. (Physical) F
K441W
- Thirteen-year-old Lizzie relates, through a victim statement, her harrowing journey through the Adirondacks seeking her disabled friend, Matias, who was kidnapped by escaped convicts.
- 9-12 Keplinger, Kody. *Run*. First edition. New York: Scholastic Press, 2016. (Physical) F
K445R
- Bo Dickinson is a seventeen-year-old girl from a bad family, but she is also over-protected, legally blind, Agnes Atwood's best friend--so when Bo calls in the middle of the night, desperate to get out of town, Agnes helps her to steal the Atwoods' car and the two girls go on the run, even though Agnes is not sure exactly what they are running from.
- 7-12 Klingel, Deanna K. *Rebecca & Heart*. [Aledo, Texas]: Progressive Rising Phoenix Press, 2018. (Developmental) F
K687R
- This lovely book presents an absolutely accurate portrayal of autism and the challenges faced by the child herself and those around her. With great humor and a deep appreciation of human nature the author chronicles the adventures of Rebecca and her irrepressible dog in London just before and during World War 2. Although written for a young adult audience, readers of any age will delight in the storytelling and characters. We can all learn and relearn that

"differentness" is not necessarily a bad thing and that children (and dogs) are to be cherished.

- 9-12 Koertge, Ronald. *Now Playing: Stoner & Spaz II*. Somerville, Mass.: Candlewick Press, 2011. (Developmental and Physical) F
K8197N
- High schooler Ben Bancroft, a budding filmmaker with cerebral palsy, struggles to understand his relationship with drug-addict Colleen while he explores a new friendship with A.J., who shares his obsession with movies and makes a good impression on Ben's grandmother.
- 3-7 Larson, Kirby. *Liberty*. First edition. New York: Scholastic Press, 2016. (Physical) F
L32963L
- In 1940s New Orleans, Fish Elliot is a polio-survivor with a knack for inventing and building things, and his African American neighbor Olympia is a girl with a talent for messing things up, but they are united in an effort to save a starving stray dog they call Liberty--and when Liberty is caged by a nasty farmer, they find an unlikely ally in a German prisoner of war, Erich, who is not much older than the two children.
- 9-12 Mackall, Dandi Daley. *The Silence of Murder*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2011. (Developmental) F
M191S
- Sixteen-year-old Hope must defend her developmentally disabled older brother (who has not spoken a word since he was nine) when he is accused of murdering a beloved high school baseball coach.
- 3-7 Murdock, Catherine Gilbert, and Ian Schoenherr. *The Book of Boy*. First edition. New York, NY: Greenwillow Books, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers, 2018. (Physical) F
M9416BO
- In 1350, a boy with a large hump on his back becomes the servant of a shadowy pilgrim on his way to Rome, who pulls the boy into a dangerous expedition across Europe to gather the seven precious relics of Saint Peter.
- 7-12 Oakes, Stephanie. *The Arsonist*. New York, NY: Dial Books, 2017. (Physical) F
OA44A
- Molly Mavity doesn't believe her mother killed herself three years ago-- or that her father is about to be executed for his crimes. Pepper Yusef is a Kuwaiti immigrant with a seizure dog and is about to fail out of school. They are tasked with solving the decades-old murder of Ava Dryman, an East German teenager resistance fighter whose death led to the destruction of the Berlin Wall.
- 9-12 Oakes, Stephanie. *The Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly*. New York, New York: Dial Books, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA) LLC, 2015. (Physical) F
OA44S

A handless teen escapes from a cult, only to find herself in juvenile detention and suspected of knowing who murdered her cult leader.

- 9-12 Ó Guilin, Peadar. *The Call*. First edition. New York: David Fickling Books/Scholastic Inc., 2016. (Physical) F
OG9C
- 3 minutes and 4 seconds. The length of time every teenager is 'Called', from the moment they vanish to the moment they reappear. 9 out of 10 children return dead. Even the survivors are changed. The nation must survive. Nessa, Megan and Anto are at a training school -- to give them some chance to fight back. Their enemy is brutal and unforgiving. But Nessa is determined to come back alive. Determined to prove that her polio-twisted legs won't get her killed. But her enemies don't just live in the Grey Land. There are people closer to home who will go to any length to see her, and the nation, fail.
- 4-7 Patterson, James, Chris Grabenstein, and Laura Park. *I Funny: A Middle School Story*. First paper over board edition. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2013. (Physical) F
P2776I01
- Hoping to become a stand-up comedian despite being a wheelchair-bound middle school student, Jamie Grimm endures bullying from his mean-spirited cousin and hopes he will be fairly judged when he enters a local comedy contest.
- 4-7 Patterson, James, Chris Grabenstein, and Laura Park. *I Even Funnier: A Middle School Story*. First edition. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2013. (Physical) F
P2776I02
- While on a mission to win the Planet's Funniest Kid Comic regional competition, New York middle schooler Jamie Grimm copes with rival comics and bullies, a buddy in trouble, and a sudden family emergency, all with a sense of humor and a loyal group of friends.
- 3-7 Peretti, Paola, Denise Muir, and Carolina Rabei. *The Distance Between Me and the Cherry Tree*. First Atheneum Books for Young Readers edition. New York, New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2019. (Physical) F
P4151D
- When nine-year-old Mafalda learns she will go blind in six months from Stargardt Disease, she needs the help of family and friends to retain what is essential to her.
- 9-12 Ramos, NoNieqa. *The Disturbed Girl's Dictionary*. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Lab, 2018. (Emotional, Learning, and Mental) F
R1476D
- Fifteen-year-old Macy, officially labeled "disturbed" by her school, records her impressions of her rough neighborhood and home life as she tries to rescue her brother from Child Protective Services, win back her overachieving best friend after a fight, and figure out whether to tell her incarcerated father about her mother's cheating.

5-12	Reynolds, Jason. <i>As Brave As You</i> . First Edition. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2016. (Physical)	F R3352AS
	Explores multigenerational ideas about family love and bravery in the story of two brothers, their blind grandfather, and a dangerous rite of passage.	
7-12	Sachar, Louis. <i>The Cardturner</i> . New York: Delacorte Press, 2010. (Mental and Physical)	F SA142C
	When his wealthy uncle, a champion bridge player who has lost his vision, asks seventeen-year-old Alton to be a cardturner for him, Alton has no idea how much he will ultimately learn from his eccentric relative. Includes appendix by Syd Fox with information about bridge.	
7-12	Sedgwick, Marcus. <i>She is Not Invisible</i> . New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2014. (Physical)	F SE28S
	A London teenager who is blind and her younger brother travel to New York to find their missing father, using clues from his notebook.	
7-12	Selfors, Suzanne. <i>The Sweetest Spell</i> . New York: Walker & Co., 2012. (Physical)	F SE4868SW
	Scorned in her Flatlands village because of a deformed foot, Emmeline Thistle's life changes when she is taken in by Wanderlands dairy farmers and discovers her magical ability to make chocolate, which is more precious and rare than gold or jewels in the kingdom of Anglund.	
4-7	Selznick, Brian. <i>Wonderstruck: A Novel In Words and Pictures</i> . New York: Scholastic, 2011. (Physical)	F SE499W
	Having lost his mother and his hearing in a short time, twelve-year-old Ben leaves his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he never knew in New York City, and meets there Rose, who is also longing for something missing from her life. Ben's story is told in words; Rose's in pictures.	
3-7	Shreve, Susan. <i>The Lovely Shoes</i> . New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2011. (Physical)	F SH84L
	In 1950s Ohio, ninth-grader Franny feels isolated and self-conscious at high school because of her deformed leg and feet, but her irrepressibly high-spirited mother is determined to find shoes for Franny to wear at the school dances.	
9-12	Silverstein, Karol Ruth. <i>Cursed</i> . Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge Teen, 2019. (Physical)	F SI3974C
	Depicts young teen Ricky Bloom's struggles with her recent chronic illness diagnosis, which comes amid family upheaval and challenges at school.	

- 9-12 Thomas, Leah. *Because You'll Never Meet Me*. New York: Bloomsbury, 2015. (Physical) F
T3647B
- Ollie, who has seizures when near electricity, lives in a backwoods cabin with his mother and rarely sees other people, and Moritz, born with no eyes and a heart defect that requires a pacemaker, is bullied at his high school, but when a physician who knows both suggests they begin corresponding, they form a strong bond that may get them through dark times.
- 3-7 Tooke, Wes. *King of the Mound: My Summer with Satchel Paige*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2012. (Physical) F
T617K
- Twelve-year-old Nick loves baseball so after a year in the hospital fighting polio and with a brace on one leg, Nick takes a job with the team for which his father is catcher and gets to see the great pitcher, Satchel Paige, play during the 1935 season. Includes historical notes.
- 7-12 Van Draanen, Wendelin. *The Running Dream*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2011. (Physical) F
V2877R
- When a school bus accident leaves sixteen-year-old Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb and her track team finds a wonderful way to help rekindle her dream of running again.
- 7-12 Venkatraman, Padma. *A Time to Dance*. New York: Nancy Paulsen Books, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA), 2014. (Physical) F
V559T
- In India, a girl who excels at Bharatanatyam dance refuses to give up after losing a leg in an accident.
- 2-7 Vrabell, Beth. *A Blind Guide to Stinkville*. New York: Sky Pony Press, 2015. (Emotional, Learning, Mental, and Physical) F
V95B
- Leaving her best friend and the familiarity of Seattle for the paper mill town of "Stinkville," South Carolina, twelve-year-old Alice, who lives with albinism and blindness, takes on the additional challenge of entering the Stinkville Success Stories essay contest.
- 7-12 Williams, Michael. *Now Is the Time for Running*. 1st U.S. ed. New York: Little, Brown, 2011. (Developmental) F
W6744B
- When soldiers attack a small village in Zimbabwe, Deo goes on the run with Innocent, his older, mentally disabled brother, carrying little but a leather soccer ball filled with money, and after facing prejudice, poverty, and tragedy, it is in soccer that Deo finds renewed hope.
- 7-12 Winters, Cat. *Odd & True*. New York: Amulet Books, 2017. (Physical) F
W736O
- Told from separate viewpoints, Odette returns in 1909 after a two-year absence, promising to rescue her disabled sister, Tru, from the monsters they

were taught to believe in.

NONFICTION

- 3-7 Davis, Meredith, and Rebeka Uwitonze. *Her Own Two Feet: A Rwandan Girl's Brave Fight to Walk*. First edition. New York: Scholastic Focus, 2019. (Physical) 617.5
D2955H
- Through her eyes, the moving story of a young Rwandan girl born with clubfeet and the risk she takes for the chance to walk on the bottoms of her feet for the first time. Rebeka Uwitonze was born in Rwanda with curled and twisted feet, which meant she had to crawl or be carried to get around. At nine years old, she gets an offer that could change her life. A doctor in the US might be able to turn her feet. But it means leaving her own family behind and going to America on her own.
- PreK-5 Fields, Julianna. *Families Living with Mental and Physical Challenges*. Broomall, Pa.: Mason Crest Publishers, 2010. (Developmental, Emotional, Learning, Mental, Physical, and Social) 306.85
F4607F
- When a child is born with mental or physical disabilities or develops them at some point after birth, the child's family experiences a variety of challenges. The person with the disability must learn to cope with his or her problem, but the other family members also need to adjust. There will always be sadness in such situations, but there is often joy as well. The families in this book have dealt with many emotions and more concrete problems as well. They have things they regret about their situations but also things they are pleased with.
- 4-8 Gibson, Karen Bush. *Ways to Help Children with Disabilities*. Hockessin, DE: Mitchell Lane Publishers, 2011. (Developmental, Emotional, Learning, Mental, Physical, and Social) 362.4
G3586W
- Learn the different ways someone can help a child with a disability.
- 6-12 McNeese, Tim. *Disability Rights Movement*. Minneapolis, MN: ABDO Publishing Company, 2014. (Developmental, Emotional, Learning, Mental, Physical, and Social) 323.3
M2332D
- This title traces the history of the disability rights movement in the United States, including the key players, watershed moments, and legislative battles that have driven social change. Iconic images and informative sidebars accompany compelling text that follows the movement from the work of early activists to bring dignity to the lives of people in institutions through the fight to make society adapt to the needs of people with disabilities and up to new legislative triumphs in the late twentieth and early twenty-first century.
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