



**A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
BAINBRIDGE SUBREGIONAL LIBRARY
FOR THE BLIND & PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED OF
SOUTHWEST GEORGIA**



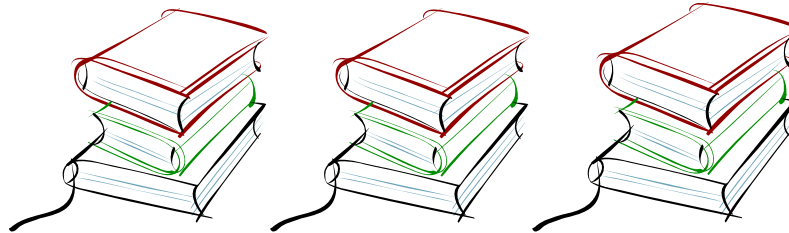
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Celebrate Your Library!

Celebrate your library this April! National Library Week is held from April 12—18, 2009, and this year's theme is "Worlds Connect at Your Library". At the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System, we are celebrating this week all month long! Flock to your library to celebrate National Library "Month" with all kinds of new materials, fantastic programs for all ages, computer classes, and so much more! First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

Be Green!

The Southwest Georgia Regional Library is going green! How? No longer will you have to put books in all those plastic bags you receive from the library. No longer will you have to worry about throwing away those excess plastic bags, either. So what's the solution? The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System now has recyclable reusable canvas bags! Stop by the library and pick up one of these bags today! This bag is large enough to hold all of the materials you check out from the library; yet, it is soft and comfortable at the same time. A donation of \$3.00 is requested for each bag.

National Autism Awareness Month

In order to highlight the growing need for concern and awareness about autism, ASA has been celebrating National Autism Awareness Month since the 1970s. The United States recognizes April as a special opportunity for everyone to educate the public about autism and issues within the autism community.

ASA's "Eight ways you can celebrate National Autism Awareness Month" this year:

1. **Host your own event.** ASA's 1Power4Autism is the first grassroots fundraising Web site for the autism community. It gives you an opportunity to "turn on your power" by starting an event online and the tools you need to mobilize your friends and family. Learn more at <http://www.1power4autism.org/>. Or for more events in your area, please visit our [event calendar](#).
2. **Get bouncing!** After a successful first year, ASA and inflatable playground franchise Pump It Up are bouncing again with "Bounce for Autism" - a nationwide, community-based fundraising event that combines family fun with raising awareness and support for autism in locations that welcome children on the autism spectrum. Find an event near you at <http://www.bounceforautism.org/>.
3. **Show your colors.** Wear your autism awareness puzzle bracelet to show your support. To purchase other autism awareness items please visit our [online store](#).
4. **Read a book.** In *The Horse Boy*, Rupert Isaacson shares his inspiring story of how he and his wife learned to think of their son's autism as an adventure rather than a curse, a beginning rather than an end. Little, Brown and Company is publishing the book on April 14, 2009, and will be partnering with the Autism Society of America to raise awareness. Both the ASA and the book aim to empower families to think creatively and openly when it comes to treatment. Learn more at <http://www.horseboythebook.com/>.
5. **Spread awareness.** ASA has free download materials to help your family, your school, your church or other community organization learn more about people with autism. ASA has developed a poster which can be displayed to raise awareness in your community. To download an 8-1/2 X 11" PDF of the 2009 NAAM poster, [click here](#), or to request a 24 X 36" PDF version of the poster, [click here](#). Our "Growing up Together" is a new, popular pamphlet that teaches typical kids how much fun they can have with their friends on the autism spectrum. Visit www.autism-society.org/shop_downloads for this and other great material provided free of charge. ASA's Safe and Sound materials are also critical to keeping our citizens with autism safe. Bring our cards and pamphlets to your local police and fire station and help us spread awareness today! To learn more, please visit www.autism-society.org/research_safeandsound.

6. **Take action.** Getting involved in advocacy efforts at the local, state and national levels is a crucial way to support legislation benefiting those with autism and their loved ones. Check out current national initiatives at www.autism-society.org/research_advo_action.
7. **Become a member.** A gift of \$30 gives you all the benefits of membership, including access to a community that provides comfort, support and essential information to families living with autism; ASA's quarterly magazine the *Autism Advocate*, a leading source of information on the latest issues in autism; and valuable resource information and advocacy for autism-related issues. With your help, we can achieve our mission of improving the lives of all affected by autism. Learn more about becoming a member at www.autism-society.org/join_home.
8. **Learn the signs.** Research indicates that early identification is associated with dramatically better outcomes for individuals with autism. The earlier a child is diagnosed, the earlier the child can begin benefiting from one of the many specialized intervention approaches to treatment and education. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Center for Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities has developed the "Learn the Signs. Act Early." campaign and provide a number of informational materials on developmental milestones for parents, healthcare providers, early childhood educators and others that are available on their Web site <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/index.html>.

Listed below are a few books on autism

RC 55463 Autism
RC 49730 Understanding the Disorder
RC 57033 Helping Children with Autism Learn
RC 65495 Louder Than Words
RC 61673 The Science and Fiction of Autism
RC 56100 Sound of a Miracle
RC 43272 Thinking in Pictures



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Tuesday 9am to 6pm
Wednesday 9am to 6pm
Thursday 9am to 7 pm
Friday 9am to 6 pm
Saturday 9am to 4 pm



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Information presented in this newsletter will be provided in alternative formats upon request.

Online Catalog for ordering library books: www.klas.com/glass
Call the library for your log-in and password.

NOTE: Please submit information or news that you would like to share to Kathy Hutchins.