

How Parents of children with disAbilities can help Librarians

1. As a parent, you need to introduce yourself first.
2. Inform the librarian of your child's strengths and needs.
 - △ If your child is attending a program it is wise to let the director of the program know the strengths and needs as well.
3. The librarian should also have any information concerning the supports your child needs to promote success. (i.e. personal helper - teen volunteer)
 - △ What would the volunteer need to know?
 - △ You would have to inform the librarian if you are willing to assist in the training of volunteers.
4. What types of communication does your child use.
5. Is there anything in advance a librarian can do to help your child succeed? (i.e. Librarian provide list of questions they might have about your child)
 - △ This would provide a reminder of what your child would need to attend programs.

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1. Librarians are people too; they will need reminders about your child.
2. Do not expect librarians to know all about your child just because you say, "he has autism."

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