

IBBY Documentation Centre of Books for Disabled Young People

The IBBY Documentation Centre of Books for Disabled Young People was established in 1985 at the Norwegian Institute for Special Education at the University of Oslo under the direction of Nina Reidarson. It remained at this location until the summer of 2002 when Heidi Boiesen took over and it moved to the Haug Municipal Resource Centre for Young People with Disabilities in Baerum, just outside Oslo.

Read more about the history of the Centre in an article by Tordis Ørjasæter that appeared in the journal *IBBY Norway - 50 Years!* <http://www.ibby.no/index.php?id=116>

The Centre offers information, consultation and documentation services for organizations, research workers, teachers, students, librarians, publishers, authors, illustrators, policy makers and the media who work with young people with special needs. To visit the IBBY site and learn more about the travelling exhibits or to purchase copies of the biennial lists, go to <http://www.ibby.org/index.php?id=271>

2009 USBBY Submissions to the IBBY Documentation Centre for Disabled Young People

[All summaries and information were downloaded from WorldCat Detailed Records using EndNote X2]

Altman, Alexandra. **Waiting for Benjamin: A Story About Autism**. Illustrated by Susan Keeter. Morton Grove, IL, Albert Whitman, 2008. 9780807573648 (hardcover), 0807573647 (hardcover). n.p.

Alexander experiences feelings of disappointment, anger, embarrassment, and jealousy when his younger brother is diagnosed with autism.

Fiction: Autism, Brothers, Picture books for children

Chaconas, Dori. **Dancing with Katya**. Illustrated by Constance Rummel Bergum. Atlanta, Peachtree, 2006.1561453765, 9781561453764. n.p.

In the late 1920s, Anna tries to help her younger sister Katya regain her strength and joy in life after she becomes crippled by polio.

Historical Fiction: Poliomyelitis, People with disabilities, Sisters, Picture books for children.

Cole, Barbara Hancock. **Anna & Natalie**. Illustrated by Ronald Himler. New York, Star Bright Books, 2007.1595721053, 9781595721051. n.p.

Anna and her seeing-eye dog Natalie are chosen by Anna's teacher to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

Fiction: Service dogs, War, Blindness, Letters, Schools, Picture books for children.

Kostecki-Shaw, Jenny Sue. **My Travelin' Eye**. Illustrated by author, New York, Henry Holt, 2008.9780805081695 (hardcover), 0805081690. n.p.

Jenny Sue loves that her "travelin' eye" lets her see the world in a special way, and so she is not happy when her teacher suggests that her parents take her to an ophthalmologist to fix the lazy eye.

Fiction: Eye, Vision, Individuality, Schools, Picture books for children.

Lord, Cynthia. **Rules**. New York, Scholastic Press, 2006. 0439443822 (hardcover), 9780439443821.

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic. Newbery Honor Book and Schneider Family Book Reward.

Fiction: Autism, Brothers and sisters, People with disabilities

Reynolds, Peter. **The Dot [Braille]**. Denton, TX, BrailleInk, 2005. 0976931303, 9780976931300. n.p.

Vashti believes that she cannot draw, but her art teacher's encouragement leads her to change her mind.

Fiction: Self-confidence, Art, Schools, Picture books for children.

Sachar, Louis. **Small Steps**. New York, Delacorte Press, 2006. 0385733143 (trade), 9780385733144 (trade), 0385903332 (hdbk.), 9780385903332 (hdbk.), 9780385733151 (pbk.), 0385733151 (pbk.). Sequel to the 1999 Newbery Medal winner, *Holes*.

Three years after being released from Camp Green Lake, Armpit is trying hard to keep his life on track, but when his old pal X-Ray shows up with a tempting plan to make some easy money scalping concert tickets, Armpit reluctantly goes along.

Realistic Fiction: Juvenile delinquents, Rehabilitation, Cerebral palsy, People with disabilities, Singers, Interpersonal relations, African Americans

Williams, Carol Lynch. **Pretty Like Us**. Atlanta, Peachtree, 2008. 9781561454440, 1561454443.

A shy, small-town girl learns the true meaning of loyalty, love, and beauty through her friendship with a classmate who is suffering from a rare, life-threatening illness.

Realistic Fiction: Friendship, Progeria, Diseases, Middle schools, Loyalty, First person narratives