

Neuropositive Picture Books: A Celebration of New Neurodiversity-Affirming Titles

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Questions for Evaluating Neurodivergent Representation

How can we evaluate books and collections for positive representation?

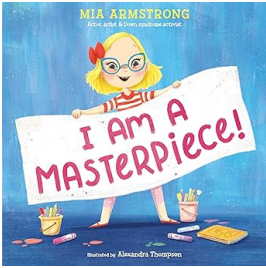
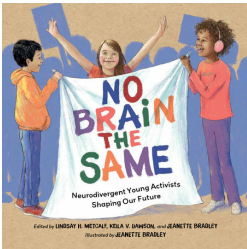
How can we help patrons find positive rep?

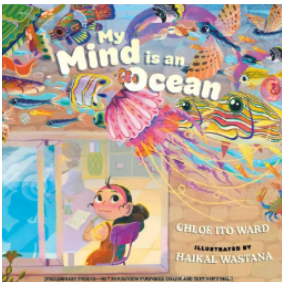
What do we do when good books have bad representation or use words now considered slurs?

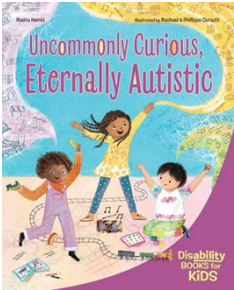
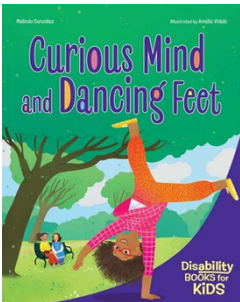
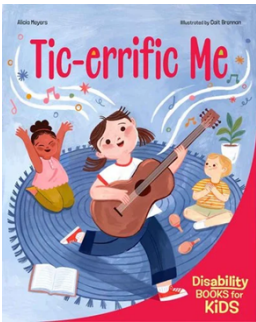
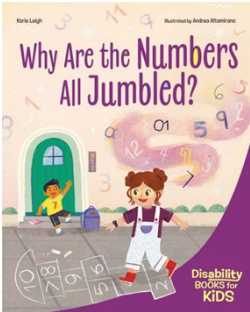
Neurodiversity Rep Months - opportunities for displays etc

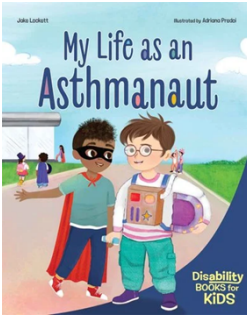
- Neurodiversity Celebration Week - mid- to-late March
- Autism Awareness Month - April
- World Autism Awareness Day - April 2
- Global Accessibility Awareness Month - May
- Learning Disability Week - June 20th to 26th (this week!)
- Disability Pride Month - July
- BIPOC Mental Health Month - July
- Disability Awareness Month - October
- ADHD Awareness Month - October
- Dyslexia Awareness Month - October
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities - December 3

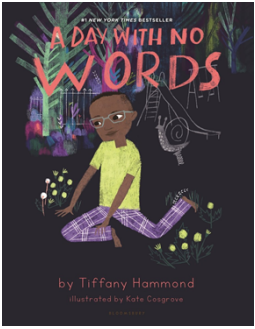
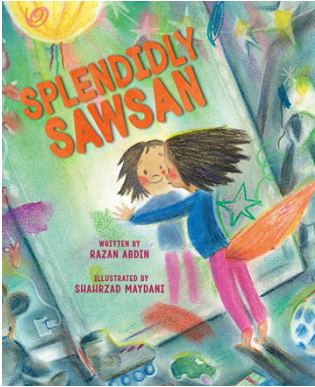
New and Forthcoming Neuropositive Picture Books

Book cover	Author/Illustrator Title	ISBN
	Danna Zeiger, illustrated by Josée Bisaillon Rewriting the Rules: How Dr. Kathleen Friel Created New Possibilities for Brain Research and Disability	979-8765647271
	Mia Armstrong, illustrated by Alexandra Thompson I Am a Masterpiece!: An Empowering Story About Inclusivity and Growing Up with Down Syndrome	978-0593567975
	Lindsay H. Metcalf, Keila V. Dawson, Jeanette Bradley No Brain the Same: Neurodivergent Young Activists Shaping Our Future	978-1623545833
	Elizabeth Weiss Verdick, illustrated by Yana Kozak Make Way for Harriet and May	978-1546008132

	Rebekah Taussig We Are the Scrappy Ones	978-1546008132
	Written by Chloe Ito Ward Illustrated by Yaroslava Apollonova All the Ways We Learn	979-8217050376
	Written by Chloe Ito Ward Illustrated by Wastana Haikal My Mind is An Ocean	
	Written by Jenna Elyse Johnson Illustrated by Sue Teodoro I Spark Like Lightning	979-8885547253
	Written by Jenna Elyse Johnson Illustrated by Ananya Rao-Middleton Every Body Move!	979-8888596593 (hardcover) 979-8888596609 (paperback)

	Written by Rasha Hamid Illustrated by Rachael and Phillippa Corcutt Uncommonly Curious, Eternally Autistic	979-8885547369
	Written by Melinda González Illustrated by Amélie Videlo Curious Mind and Dancing Feet	979-8885547475
	Written by Alicia Meyers Illustrated by Cait Brennan Tic-errific Me	979-8885547529
	Written by Korie Leigh Illustrated by Andrea Altamirano Why Are the Numbers All Jumbled?	979-8885548359

	Written by Miso Kwak Illustrated by Thaís Mesquita More Than What Eyes See	979-8885547307
	Written by Jake Lockett Illustrated by Adriana Predoi My Life as an Asthmanaut	979-8885547970
	Written by Jessica Whipple Illustrated by Josee Bisailon I Think I Think a Lot	979-8885540087
	Written by Rachel Funez Illustrated by Kelly Kennedy Sonia and the Super-Duper Disaster	979-8885543903

	Written by Tiffany Hammond Illustrated by Kate Cosgrove A Day With No Words	978-1547619351
	Written by Razan Abidin Illustrated by Shahrzad Maydani Splendidly Sawsan	978-1419779947
	Written by Ashley Franklin Illustrated by Tatiana Gardel	978-1959244035

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