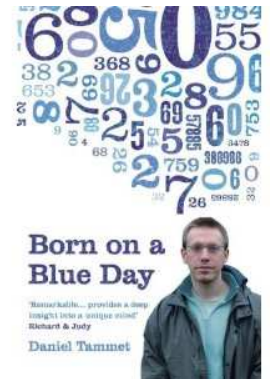


Parent/Student Resources

If you have special learning needs or a family member who has special learning needs, some of the books and videos might give you perspective about what it is like to struggle with a learning need. The resources listed below are ones we have enjoyed and sometimes reference with our students.

Born on a Blue Day by Daniel Tammet

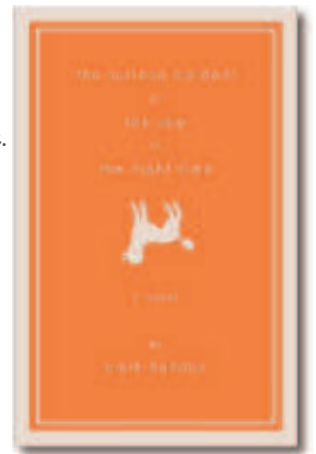
An autobiography of an autistic savant, this book chronicles his struggles socially through childhood and his successes as an adult.



Curious Incident of a Dog in the Night time by Mark Haddon

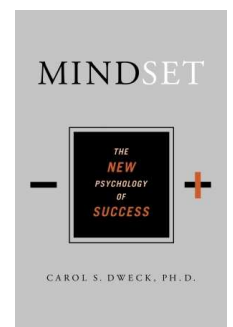
Fifteen-year-old Christopher John Francis Boone, the novel's protagonist discovers the corpse of his neighbor's dog impaled by a pitchfork. The incident acts as a catalyst, setting Christopher on a quest-inspired by his favorite character Sherlock Holmes-to find out who is responsible for the gruesome crime.

Christopher, though, is not the kind of run-of-the-mill precocious young detective we all remember reading about as kids. Rather, Christopher suffers from a fairly intense autism, an affliction that seriously effects the way he comes to research the case, the way he interprets the information he uncovers, and ultimately how that information is passed on to the reader. Christopher's autism is also what sets Haddon's novel apart from those other young detective novels, as the focus of the story is much less about who killed the dog, and much more about the way Christopher goes about uncovering who is responsible.



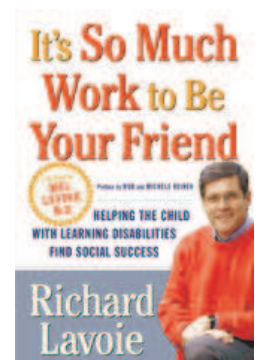
Mindset by Carol S. Dweck

Many of our learning challenges come from how we perceive our world. This book might change your mindset.....



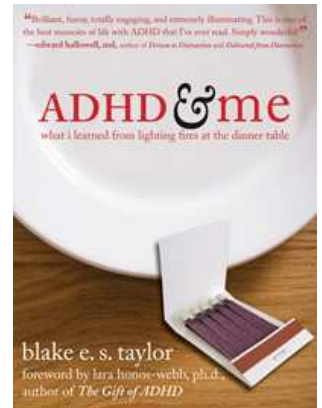
It's so much work to be your friend: Helping the Child with Learning Disabilities find social success by Richard Lavoie

Even when students with learning disabilities find success, they can still have many hurdles in the social context.



ADHD and me: What I learned from lighting fires at the dinner table by Blake Taylor

A teenager's account of what it is like to have ADHD



How difficult can this be? F.A.T City Workshop Video, Richard Lavoie

Richard Lavoie simulates for adults what it is like to have a learning disability.



Temple Grandin, HBO Movie

Temple Grandin is a grown woman with autism. This movie chronicles her struggles in her youth and documents the gifts of her brain as she becomes a leader in developing humane ways of running the cattle industry. This is a story of perseverance.

Mysteries of the Mind on TVO (tvo.org)

This series of shows gives a lot of current information about how our brains develop and function in normal and not so normal circumstances.

