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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ADVOCACY



Spring is here, and Disability Book Week is almost upon us! From April 19–25, we come together to celebrate stories that reflect our diverse, vibrant world, full of voices being heard because of everything each of you has done across your corner of the world!

If you haven't jumped in yet, there's still plenty of time to get involved! Here are a few simple ways to make an impact in these final weeks:

Choose a disability-inclusive book to read during DBW.

Mark your calendars and invite a friend, classroom, or community group to join you.

Follow and share our DBW content on social media to help amplify authentic representation.

Encourage your local library, school, or bookstore to create a display or highlight.

Remember every action whether it's big or small helps build a world where disability stories are seen, valued, and celebrated alongside us. Thank you for being part of this movement and helping make DBW 2026 our most powerful year yet.

Warmly,
Maribel Leos



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR DISABILITY BOOK WEEK!

Follow Disability Book Week on Instagram April 19-25 for free and reduced price book deals, a book giveaway, theme days, and LOTS of fun!!

Theme days

April 19 – Spread the Word Day

Help us kick things off! Tell someone about Disability Book Week and visit DisabilityBookWeek.org.

April 20 – Stuff Your Kindle Day

Enjoy free Kindle eBooks shared by DBW.

April 21 – Shelfie Day

Post a photo of your bookshelf or current reads.

April 22 – Share Your Story Day

Tell us why Disability Book Week and disability representation in literature matter to you.

April 23 – Meet the Author Day

Explore one of our Superstar Author Interviews.

April 24 – Wear Your Inclusive T-Shirt Day




Show your support by wearing your favorite inclusive tee.

April 25 – Donate a Book Day

Donate a disability-inclusive book to spread the love of reading.

Superstar Author Interviews

We now have an official YouTube Channel featuring a dynamic author interview series! New author interviews each week with your amazing host, Kelley M Likes!



Jo Moore

Floss the Wobbly Flamingo
Bertie the Very Blind Bat
Crosby the Not-So-Snappy Crocodile



Dr. Kamaria Blackett-Munir
Dr. B

Playground Zoo & Out of My Chair



Taryn Lagonigro

Strong, Beautiful, Brave & Smart



Cindy Boudreaux

Possibilities



Mike Steele

Not Lucille



Lindsay Dain

I'm Getting A Cochlear Implant! Learn About How I Will Hear!

Watch On Our YouTube Channel: @DisabilityBookWeek

SEVERAL NEW ADDITIONS TO DISABILITYBOOKWEEK.ORG

CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOK



CHILDREN'S CHAPTER BOOK



What our Sensitivity Reader had to say: "Great insight into the everyday life of a character with multiple disabilities due to being born premature."

What our Sensitivity Reader had to say: "When the principal for the day actually has to run the school when the teachers don't show up! A funny story that will make you laugh!"

YOUNG ADULT



What our Sensitivity Reader had to say: "An own-voices reflection of the self-love journey and finding your place."

ADULT



What our Sensitivity Reader had to say: "A love letter to people with chronic illnesses in a world that isn't built for them."

NEW RESOURCE ON DISABILITYBOOKWEEK.ORG

Get An Elementary School Involved

With our new 2-Page Flyer

Disability Book Week
Elementary School

Read a Book Together

Learn to YouTube
Read Aloud!

Scan to see all of these
Educator Resources

Download Coloring Pages

Invite an Author

**Download our inspiring book
quote posters for your classroom!**

To learn more visit Disabilitybookweek.org

**Ability representation through
illustrations, and creativity!**

Leaders around the world to build more inclusive
books that feature characters with disabilities.
Over the last full week in April, our volunteer team works year-
round for literature and resources.

How to participate:

- Read a book together as a class
- Talk about the story and the character
- Complete a coloring or activity page
- Practice kindness, empathy, and inclusion
- Invite an author to do a reading

At all ages, choose
books from all categories throughout
the week, such as:

- Physical Disability
- Neurodiversity
- Chronic Illness
- Communication Differences
- Inclusive Friendships

Scan to see
Children's Picture
Books

Scan to see
Kids' Chapter
Books & Graphic
Novels

To learn more visit Disabilitybookweek.org

Located on DisabilityBookWeek.org
under Educator Resources

OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUTHORS & PUBLISHERS

Kindle eBook Promotion April 20 & 21

Authors or publishers, do you have a Kindle eBook that is currently showcased on Disabilitybookweek.org? If you would like to offer your Kindle eBook for free on April 20 and 21 to help readers "Stuff their Kindles" for Disability Book Week, email DBW Volunteer Sarah to receive the participation information! Participants are encouraged to help promote! Sign up by April 10! **Email Sarah: littlewardbooks@gmail.com**

Join the Disability Book Week Giveaway

Authors or publishers, if you have a book showcased on Disabilitybookweek.org and would like to donate a physical copy of your book(s) as part of a Disability Book Week Giveaway, email DBW Director Rebecca E. by April 10 at **lifeskills2learn@gmail.com**



Authors, are you on BookFunnel?

Volunteer Gina Andrew is organizing a BookFunnel sales promo for books with disabled characters specifically for Disability Book Week. Find out more and [sign up here!](#)

DBW Book Submissions Open in May 2026!

Do you have a book with positive and accurate disability representation that you would like to see showcased on DisabilityBookWeek.org? **Visit our Authors & Publisher's Page beginning in May to find our submission form and criteria!**

OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Grab your tote bag and carry your Disability Book Week reads in style!

We're proud to partner with the Bigfoot Books Project, a nonprofit dedicated to bringing books with positive, accurate disability representation to schools across the Pacific Northwest.

Every purchase from this collaboration helps put these meaningful stories directly into the hands of children!!

Grab your tote HERE before it's gone!!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Julia Erman is the founder of The Hazelnut Movement, a children's book author, and mom to two children with a rare genetic disorder.

As our School Partnership Coordinator, Julia helps schools participate in DBW and curates educational materials for DBW.



Julia Erman



DBW IN THE COMMUNITY

DBW Volunteers are making an impact!

City and state proclamations for Disability Book Week (April 19–25, 2026) are rolling in, information tables are popping up around the globe, and special projects are bringing the mission to life. Be part of the momentum!

Join the fun and become a DBW Volunteer today! Sign up at disabilitybookweek.org!



DISABILITY BOOK WEEK IS DEDICATED TO CELEBRATING AND PROMOTING DISABILITY-INCLUSIVE LITERATURE THAT AUTHENTICALLY REPRESENTS THE DIVERSE EXPERIENCES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. DISABILITY BOOK WEEK AMPLIFIES VOICES, CHALLENGES STEREOTYPES, EDUCATES, AND FOSTERS A CULTURE OF UNDERSTANDING AND INCLUSION THROUGH THE POWER OF STORYTELLING.

[WWW.DISABILITYBOOKWEEK.ORG](https://www.disabilitybookweek.org)

