

## Bibliographies & Suggested Readings for Autism on the Internet

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Even with the great amount of information available on Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD) on the Internet, we still cannot rely on this source exclusively for researching any topic. We still need books to provide different perspectives, different solutions and more detailed accounts and retellings of what are possible and happening with ASD. (This is true of any subject for that matter). We also have to understand that not everything is on the Internet. But with the explosion in the number of books published on ASD recently, it is very hard to know where to start. Well over 200 titles have been published each of the last four years on ASD with no apparent slowdown in sight. But while the large number of titles being published in this area is definitely a good thing, it is hard to know which ones would be useful for you to read.

I have tried to identify some electronic resources that are available to help sift through the large number of titles on the subject. As I find resources that are useful, I have been adding them to my site for ASD autism resources (see below). I choose sites that cultivate hope for parents, educators, children or interested persons, while staying away from ones that provide unilateral or simplistic solutions. The things to look for in a booklist are annotations for each of the titles (to give you more than the title of the book), a listing of a compiler's favorite books, and books broken down by categories (to make it easier to use). Book lists should also be kept up to date. Also, older bibliographies and book lists are going to be less useful, especially with ASD where practices and our general understanding of the condition continues to change and be refined from year to year.

Once, you have found the books you want to read, there are lots of options to get them. First and foremost, try your local library (Toledo-Lucas County Library's website is <http://www.toledolibrary.org/>). If they do not have the book, they can probably order it for you via Inter-library loan. You can also look at local bookstores such as Thackery's Barnes & Noble, or Borders or Online Bookstores: <http://www.bn.com> <http://www.amazon.com>, and [www.half.com](http://www.half.com) (good source for used books). One last option is to go right to the publisher. Some publishers include Different Roads to Learning (<http://www.difflearn.com/>), a publisher that provides flashcards and other resources; Future Horizons (<http://www.futurehorizons-autism.com/>), a large publisher of workbooks and videos and reseller of books on ASD; Jessica Kingsley Publishers (<http://www.jkp.com/>), one of the most prolific publishers of books on autism; and Woodbine House (<http://www.woodbinehouse.com/>), another large publisher of ASD books with their fantastic *Topics in Autism*.

Below is a list of some good general information web sites on ASD. For more sites, please visit my guide to Autistic Spectrum Disorders resources at:  
<http://library.utoledo.edu/userhomes/cseeman/asd/index.html>

SITE: [Autistic Spectrum Disorders Collection Development for Libraries \(Sending Postcards from the Airport\)](#)

URL: <http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA307059>

DESCRIPTION: Geared towards libraries, this entry in the Collection Development Series of the periodical Library Journal provides a list of 27 books, 2 videos and 2 Internet sites that public libraries should know about, and in the case of the books and videos, have in their collection. This article was intended for libraries to compare their books on this subject and make sure that their material was up to date. But since this is a year old, it is already a bit out of date.

SITE: [Autism-Resources - Autism Related Books](#)

URL: <http://www.autism-resources.com/books.html>

DESCRIPTION: Very comprehensive list of books that includes fiction, non-fiction, juvenile, and general interest books not specifically related to autism, but relevant.

SITE: [Autism-Resources - Recommended Autism Books](#)

URL: <http://www.autism-resources.com/autism-books.html>

DESCRIPTION: A subset of the above full list of books on autism and related disorders. The recommended autism books list is broken down into these categories: top ten; introduction and parenting; general books; treatments; accounts; education; juvenile; recent books; books to avoid; movies; and related books.

SITE: [Autism Society of Michigan - Recommended Autism Books](#)

URL: <http://www.autism-mi.org/bookstore/index.html>

DESCRIPTION: A list of recommended titles by the Autism Society of Michigan Librarian, Anne Carpenter, a woman with autism. This is a good list of current titles with links to the associated pages on amazon.com. Purchases through that site benefit the Autism Society of Michigan.

SITE: [Ontario Adult Autism Research and Support Network - Books on Autism Spectrum](#)

URL: <http://www.ont-autism.uoguelph.ca/books.shtml>

DESCRIPTION: Another comprehensive resource for examining books on autistic spectrum disorders (ASD). This resource includes: Lists of best books on ASD; reviews of featured books on adult issues from their newsletter; notes on specialty publishers in the field; advice on ordering; topically organized bibliography with links to reviews; and a list of books and videos on ASD.

SITE: [Books on Autism for Children from HugsFeelGood.com](#)

URL: <http://www.hugsfeelgood.com/>

DESCRIPTION: A list of books on Autism that are written for children. This page is not comprehensive, but does include some nice descriptions and links to pages for those titles on Internet booksellers that may include other reviews and suggested titles.

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