Welcome Autumn!

Autumn is such a beautiful time of year with its swiftly changing leaves and glorious chrysanthemums. We begin to see scarecrows and pumpkins and hay bales in front yards and people dressed in warmer clothing to protect against the chill in the air. Autumn brings to mind thoughts of hearth and home but also of community outings—from fall festivals to shopping for the holidays to getting out to vote in elections. For some people, however, there may be barriers to these types of outings, not to mention barriers within their own homes. This edition of CeDIR Citings takes a look at Community Inclusion for people with disabilities. Here you will find a book review, a list of web resources, and a list of books, videos, and kits that can be checked out from us at the Center for Disability Information and Referral.

Book Review

Next Chapter Book Club: A Model Community Literacy Program for People with Intellectual Disabilities

This 225-page guide includes a solid plan for community leaders to form one of the hundred-plus Next Chapter Book Clubs (NCBC) that are currently running throughout the country. These clubs offer a literacy learning component, community inclusion, and the opportunity to be social to hundreds of people with intellectual disabilities who might otherwise be isolated from the community.

The NCBC model has a simple premise: a group of five to eight people with intellectual disabilities get together with two volunteer facilitators to meet for one hour a week in a public place to read aloud and discuss a book. Members choose which book to read and how to organize their club.

The book discusses how to begin a club, the roles of the members and facilitators, and marketing and evaluating your club. It includes a plethora of strategies and activities that clubs can use to help increase literacy learning, social interaction, and community inclusion. It also includes a lengthy Frequently Asked Questions section in addition to numerous appendices containing forms, charts, and surveys to use with a NCBC. The companion CD has many of these appendices in electronic format for ease of use.

Websites

Communities for a Lifetime
https://www.iidc.indiana.edu/pages/CommunitiesForALifetime

Governor’s Council for People with Disabilities
http://www.in.gov/gpcpd/

Independent Living Centers In Indiana
http://www.in.gov/fssa/dhrs/2762.htm

National Center on Accessibility
http://www.ncaonline.org/index.shtml

Voter’s Guide
http://guides.libraries.indiana.edu/vote
Focus on Community Living

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