

# SERVING CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

Public libraries have a mission to serve and include all members of the community, including teens and children with disabilities. Librarian and accessibility advocate Renee Grassi will help you learn more about this topic by sharing her own experience serving children and young adults with disabilities in public libraries. In addition, Renee will share best practices for community engagement with local disability partners, as well as tips for inclusive marketing. Both workshops will take place at Millbrae Public Library (1 Library Ave, Millbrae, CA 94030).



## RENEE GRASSI

Author, blogger, speaker, and trainer Renee Grassi is a recognized library leader and advocate for people of all abilities. Renee considers herself an ally for those with autism and other disabilities, and has presented nationally and internationally to help libraries be more equitable and inclusive for all. In 2012, she was named a Library Journal Mover & Shaker for launching the first Sensory Storytime and disability-friendly programs at Deerfield Public Library in Illinois. Renee has been a member of the ALSC Committee for Special Populations and their Caregivers, and was one of the founding Board Members of Illinois's Targeting Autism Forum. She was also one of the co-founding members of SNAILS—an Illinois networking group dedicated to developing more accessible libraries to children and teens with disabilities. A graduate from Dominican University's Library and Information Science Program and Illinois librarian for nearly ten years, she relocated to Minnesota in 2016. Renee is currently the Youth Services Manager at Dakota County Library, as well as Chair of her library's Accessibility Team.

### REGISTRATION

#### APRIL 11 TRAINING

<http://plpinfo.org/event/developing-inclusive-library-services-to-teens-with-disabilities/>

#### APRIL 12 TRAINING

<http://plpinfo.org/event/creating-sensory-friendly-library-experiences-for-children-with-disabilities/>

### DEVELOPING INCLUSIVE LIBRARY SERVICES TO TEENS WITH DISABILITIES

**Thur, April 11 from 9 am – 1 pm**

In this half-day workshop, participants will learn how to build positive relationships with teens and their caregivers, acquire inclusive customer service strategies, and hear about effective programming ideas to welcome this audience to the library.

Light breakfast and drinks will be provided.

### CREATING SENSORY-FRIENDLY LIBRARY EXPERIENCES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

**Fri, April 12 from 9 am – 1 pm**

In this workshop, attendees will gain background knowledge about autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and the concept of creating sensory-friendly programs and spaces. Participants will learn how to develop a Sensory Storytime program, learn about other program ideas for youth with ASD and their families, and acquire strategies for making their existing programs more inclusive for youth of all abilities.

Light breakfast and drinks will be provided.

**QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT  
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