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THE GLOBAL DISABILITY RIGHTS LIBRARY: EMPOWERING THE WORLD

A recent request from the Global Disability Rights Library for information about disability rights and advocacy for inclusion in its collection delighted and intrigued me. I never miss an opportunity to share information about two of my favorite topics, and as a lifelong learner, I couldn't wait to find out about this organization which would carry my message around the world.

Supported by the US Agency for International Development (USAID), the Global Disability Rights Library (GDRL) provides a wealth of information to individuals and organizations in developing countries who seek to promote disability rights but lack Internet access. With this support, 60 organizations and NGO's throughout Africa, Asia, and Latin America will receive installations of the GDRL and thus access to this treasure trove of knowledge.

The GDRL is a series of portals within the eGranary Digital Library. Branded as "The Internet in a Box," the eGranary is an offline information store which provides instant access to over 20 million websites, journals, books, and videos. Subscribers access the eGranary through Local Area Networks (internal servers) or via USB drives. Cliff Missen, the director of the WiderNet Project, states, "We're very grateful for this

opportunity to show how our innovative technology can deliver much-needed information to disability rights advocates in remote and disconnected places.”

The GDRL’s “portals” contain information on organizations of persons with disabilities, disability-related blogs and narratives, general human rights information, and basic disabilities information. You don’t have to spend much time viewing the portals to experience the library’s global perspective. Vision 2020, an organization dedicated to the elimination of preventable blindness in developing countries, is but one click away from “The Ragged Edge,” a magazine containing articles and essays written from a strong US disability rights perspective. A link to the World Health Organization Regional Office for Southeast Asia appears next to the Chicago-based National Center for Physical Activity and Disability. “In many cultures, people with disabilities are viewed much differently than they are in the Western world. We are promoting different attitudes, policies and practices for people affected by disabilities. Information is power to change people’s lives,” says Dr. Thomas Cook, co-director of the GDRL project with Cliff Missen.

The GDRL is a partnership of the University of Iowa School of Library and Information Science’s WiderNet Project and the U.S. International Council on Disabilities. To learn how you can contribute to the GDRL collection, get answers to frequently asked questions, or subscribe to the GDRL newsletter, visit www.usicd.org/index.cfm/global-disability-rights-library. To review the GDRL portals, visit <http://www.widernet.org/egranary/gdrl>. For general questions, email librarian@gdrl.org.

New Items

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The Center for Disabilities and Development **Disability Resource Library:**
A lending library and health information center for Iowans

To order materials from the Disability Resource Library, call **1-800-272-7713**

Socially Curious and Curiously Social / Michelle Garcia Winner and Pamela Crook.

A social thinking guidebook for bright teens & young adults.

Call Number: 305.2/35 Win

Asperger Syndrome and Adolescence / Teresa Bolick.

Helping preteens and teens get ready for the real world.

Call Number: 618.92/8982 21 Bol

Growing Up on the Spectrum / Lynn Kern Koegel and Claire LaZebnik.

A guide to life, love, and learning for teens and young adults with autism and Asperger's.

Call Number: 616.898 Koe

Asperger Syndrome and Long-Term Relationships / Ashley Stanford; foreword by Liane Holliday Willey.

Call Number: 613/.9508 Sta

Early Start Denver Model for Young Children with Autism / Sally J. Rogers and Geraldine Dawson.

Promoting language, learning, and engagement.

Call Number: 618.92/85882 Rog

Power Tools / Dave Hingsburger.

Thoughts about power & control in service to people with developmental disabilities.

Call Number: 303.3 Hin

Handbook of Mental Health Care for Persons with Developmental Disabilities / Ruth Ryan.

Call Number: 616.85 8842 Rya

Hazard Communication Standard : The Right to Know / Medcom [videorecording].

Call Number: DVD 604.7 Haz

Workplace Safety / Medcom [videorecording].

A review of OSHA safety guidelines.

Call Number: DVD 363.11 Rev

HIPAA for Long Term Care Workers] / Medcom [videorecording].

Call Number: DVD 362.16 068 Hip

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“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is,
‘What are you doing for others?’”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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