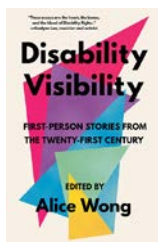


## Disability Awareness Month Books

**Mitch DeFauw**, *Disability Resource Librarian*

In recognition of March and Disability Awareness Month, the disability resource library would like to share the following books which highlight the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities within community life and recognize their accomplishments across the lifespan. Each book is available for check out at the DRL.

For more questions about the DRL and its collection, you may contact the librarian through email at [mitchell-defauw@uiowa.edu](mailto:mitchell-defauw@uiowa.edu) or by phone 319-356-1345. To further explore the collection, please visit [uichildrens.org/drl-catalog](http://uichildrens.org/drl-catalog).



**Disability Visibility** by Alice Wong

Activist Alice Wong brings together a collection of personal essays by contemporary writers who live with disabilities in *Disability Visibility*.

Taken together, this anthology gives a glimpse of the disability experience, highlighting the passions, talents, and everyday lives of this community. It invites readers to question their own assumptions and understandings. It celebrates and documents disability culture in the now. It looks to the future and past with hope and love.



**Laughing at My Nightmare**

by Shane Burcaw

With wit and a hilarious voice, Shane Burcaw's *Laughing at My Nightmare*, describes the challenges he faces as a twenty-one-year-old with spinal muscular atrophy. Shane handles his situation with humor and a "you-only-live-once" perspective on life. While he does talk about everyday issues that are relatable to teens, he also offers an eye-opening perspective on what it is like to have a life-threatening disease.



**Disability Pride** by Ben Mattlin

In *Disability Pride*, Ben Mattlin, a journalist living with a disability weaves together interviews and reportage to introduce individuals, ideas, and events in engaging, fast-paced prose. He traces the generation that came of age after the ADA reshaped America, and how it is influencing the future. Beautifully written, without anger or pity, *Disability Pride* is a revealing account of an often misunderstood movement and identity, an inclusive reexamination of society's treatment of those it deems different.



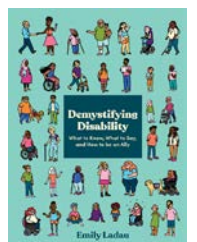
**Just Ask** by Sonia Sotomayor

In *Just Ask*, Sonia Sotomayor celebrates the different abilities kids (and people of all ages) have. Using her own experience as a child who was diagnosed with diabetes, Sotomayor writes about children with all sorts of challenges--and looks at the special powers those kids have as well. As the kids work together to build a community garden, asking questions of each other along the way, this book encourages readers to do the same.



**Unbroken: 13 Stories About Disabled Teens** by Marieke Nijkamp

This anthology explores disability in fictional tales told from the viewpoint of characters with disabilities, written by creators with disabilities. *Unbroken* will offer today's teen readers a glimpse into the lives of people with disabilities in the past, present, and future.



**Demystifying Disability** by Emily Ladau

People with disabilities are the world's largest minority, an estimated 15 percent of the global population. But many of us—with or without a disability—do not know how to act, what to say, or how to be an ally to the disability community. What are the appropriate ways to think, talk, and ask about disability? *Demystifying Disability* is a friendly handbook on the important disability issues you need to know about.