



# Targeting Autism for Libraries



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## A G E N D A

**Thursday, May 11, 2017**

8 a.m.	Registration	Coffee and Continental Breakfast available
8:30 a.m.	Welcoming remarks	<b>Suzanne Schriar</b> , Associate Director, <a href="#">Targeting Autism Project</a> PI, Illinois State Library and <b>Russ Bonanno</b> , Director of <a href="#">The Autism Program of Illinois</a> and Advisor for the Targeting Autism project
8:45 a.m.	Autism: Transition to Adulthood and Employment	<b>Michael John Carley</b> , Author of <i>Asperger's from the Inside Out</i> and <i>Unemployed on the Autism Spectrum</i> (with two other books in production), Carley was the founder and first Executive Director of <a href="#">GRASP</a> and former Executive Director of <a href="#">ASTEP</a> . He now works as an international autism consultant and motivational speaker. Mr. Carley will discuss his personal journey with autism, with a focus on transition aged adults and issues relating to employment.
10:45 a.m.	Break	
11:00 a.m.	Panel: Employed on the Spectrum	<b>Philip Zupon</b> , Librarian, Ionia Correctional Facility <b>Tina Dolcetti</b> , Librarian, Moose Jaw Public Library <b>Ata Bird</b> , Teacher/BCaBA, Champaign, Illinois <b>Dan O'Hara</b> , Librarian, Midlothian Public Library
12:30 p.m.	Lunch and program	Lunch and video on the founding of <a href="#">Specialisterne</a> , an employment model for hiring individuals with ASD
1:30 p.m.	The Role of Relationships in Successful "Adulting" with ASD	<b>Brian R. King</b> , author, relationship consultant, ADHD/autism coach and motivational speaker will reveal the 5 R's that are key to successful relationships regardless of our challenges.
2:30	Break	
2:45 p.m.	Panel: Sparking Creative Expression for Adults on the Spectrum and Ideas for Libraries	<b>Donald Cohen &amp; son Colin Eldred-Cohen, Anlor Davin &amp; Greg Yates</b> will deliver an engaging presentation about the path to creative writing, publishing and the special difficulties that creative people on the spectrum face and how libraries can support them.
4:30 p.m.	Closing	<b>Suzanne Schriar</b>

## Friday, May 12, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Welcome and housekeeping	<b>Suzanne Schriar</b>
8:30 a.m.	5 Essentials for Engineering the Library Environment to Meet the Needs of the Autism Community	<b>Linda Hodgdon</b> , Autism Consultant, also known as <a href="#">The Queen of Visuals</a> , will show how a few easy accommodations can provide significant opportunity for patrons to benefit from libraries.
10:00 a.m.	Break	
10:15 a.m.	Inclusion and the ADA	<b>Carrie Banks</b> , Director of the Brooklyn Public Library's Inclusive Services and author of <i>Including Families of Children with Special Needs</i> will present an interactive approach to welcoming everyone, addressing common situations for librarians with regard to autism, diversity, and inclusion.
11:45 a.m.	Lunch & Grant Award Presentation	Lunch and <b>2017 "Autism Welcome Here" grant winner: Albert Wisner Public Library</b> , Warwick, New York
12:45 p.m.	Panel: Exploring Library Services for Underserved Populations	<b>Debra Vines</b> , Founder & Executive Director of <a href="#">The Answer, Inc.</a> , along with, <b>Marla Skinner</b> , <b>Keisha Hester</b> , and <b>Katrina Thompson</b> explore the impact of autism in communities of color and the important charge for libraries to engage all members of their community.
2:00 p.m.	Tu Y Yo's Dream Libraries	<b>Tu Y Yo</b> is Grupo Salto's peer mentorship group for adolescents and adult autism self-advocates serving the Chicagoland area. The group name "Tu Y Yo" is the Spanish phrase for "you and I" which expresses connection to the Spanish speaking cultures many of the participants come from. They will share their ideas to make libraries more inclusive learning environments.
3:00 p.m.	Break	
3:15 p.m.	Report: Libraries Providing Work Experiences for Those on the Spectrum	<b>Janet McAllister</b> , Rochester Public Library and <b>Magi Henderson</b> , Glen Carbon Centennial Library will discuss how they have provided successful library internships for individuals on the spectrum.
3:45 p.m.	Report: Library Departments Working Together Towards Inclusion	<b>Beth Paoli</b> , Literacy Consultant & <b>Deb Aggertt</b> , Associate Director for Library Development, Illinois State Library, will discuss their collaboration with Targeting Autism to adapt story kits and book clubs for individuals with ASD.
4:00 p.m.	Update: Report on the IMLS LB21 Targeting Autism grant progress	<b>Targeting Autism Project Team</b> will discuss the ongoing education efforts of the Targeting Autism initiative; specifically training librarians and Project ENABLE.
4:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks	<b>Suzanne Schriar &amp; Russ Bonanno</b>