

Serving the Spectrum: Making Your Library a Welcoming Space for Children with Autism and their Caregivers

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Webinar Transcript

Sophie Brookover: (4/30/2013 09:42) Good morning! We will be getting started at 10 AM.

Sophie Brookover: (09:43) Our presenter Kiera Parrott is already here with us this morning, so if you have any questions for her, feel free to post them here in the chat box.

Sophie Brookover: (09:43) Or, if you prefer to ask a question anonymously, I'll bring in a pod for you to do that in a moment.

Kiera Parrott: (09:43) Hi everyone!

Sophie Brookover: (09:44) This is our second webinar with Kiera, who is the Head of Children's Services at the Darien Library in Connecticut, and we're so happy to have her back!

Kiera Parrott: (09:44) :blushes: Thanks! I love doing them with you guys- best webinar experience I've had!

Stephanie Smith: (09:48) hi everyone! please excuse my appearance i am home sick today :(

Kiera Parrott: (09:49) Sorry to hear that Stephanie! I suppose we could all be in our pajamas!

Stephanie Smith: (09:50) Thanks Kiera! Yes that is true. I dont know how these work if we see each other or not.

Laura Frantz: (09:50) Sounds better

Joanne Roukens: (09:51) you both sound good now

Laura Frantz: (09:51) crystal clear

Vicki Wright: (09:55) Hi, everyone, I'm Vicki from the Cape May County Library! This is my first webinar, very exciting.

Sophie Brookover: (09:55) #llnj_spectrum

Stephanie Smith: (09:55) i have a little three year old with so if you hear any background noise its him lol

Kiera Parrott: (09:56) Hi Vicki!

Marissa Wolf: (09:57) I'm a new children's librarian at East Orange. I used to work part time in Long Island. Kiera-did you speak at the Nassau Library System? You're name sounds very familiar.

Kiera Parrott: (09:57) I did speak at NYLA - I think it was last year. So , yes, I probably saw you there!

Linda Adens: (09:57) Good morning everyone!

Vicki Wright: (09:57) I'm lookin'g forward to it, happy to be here as well.

Marge Dombrosky: (09:57) Good Morning everyone

Stephanie Smith: (09:58) Good morning everyone!

Kiera Parrott: (09:58) Hi Linda and Marge!

Amanda Spino: (09:59) Good morning everyone.

Kiera Parrott: (09:59) Good morning, Amanda. Thanks for joining us!

elena tsomaeva: (09:59) good morning

Malathi Parthasarathi: (09:59) Good morning everyone!!!

Kiera Parrott: (10:00) Hi Elena and Malathi! Welcome aboard. :-)

Joanne Roukens: (10:01) yes

Joanne Roukens: (10:02) If anyone has a technical issue please email jadler@librarylinknj.org or call 732 361 8419

Sophie Brookover: (10:02) here!

Sophie Brookover: (10:03) #llnj_spectrum

Sophie Brookover: (10:05) Thank you!

Sophie Brookover: (10:05) You can chat with Kiera on twitter, where she goes by @libraryvoice

Sophie Brookover: (10:08) It's fabulous!

Stephanie Smith: (10:08) awesome!

Ellie Strbo 2: (10:27) really bad echo

Sophie Brookover: (10:27) Hi, Ellie -- I'll help you out.

Sophie Brookover: (10:27) I'm going to remove the first Ellie Strbo.

Ellie Strbo 2: (10:27) i see what i did. thanks.

Sophie Brookover: (10:28) You're welcome!

Stephanie Smith: (10:33) good idea

Vicki Wright: (10:34) I just had a teen meltdown yesterday, he was loud and hitting his head, I was very worried.

Sophie Brookover: (10:34) Oh, no!

Stephanie Smith: (10:39) lots of good advice

Stephanie Smith: (10:39) youre welcome!

Sophie Brookover: (10:39) I think it's the kind of thing I would need F2F training to actually handle the isituation well.

Brinda Patel: (10:39) this infor is great

Sophie Brookover: (10:39) I would need to do some role-play to feel like I could actually be helpful.

Sophie Brookover: (10:40) Oh, that's a great piece of advice.

Vicki Wright: (10:40) thanks for the diffusing, one patron threatened to sue the library, because the teen got angry originally because the man was blocking the DVD section

Vicki Wright: (10:40) i know!

Ellie Strbo 2: (10:41) we had a teen boy who went into the ladies room to use the bathroom and a few people, including staff, freaked out. thankfully, i knew him and was able to keep them from calling the police.

Vicki Wright: (10:42) that's very good advice, thank you

Sophie Brookover: (10:43) I just saw this fascinating blog post on the Lee & Low blog this morning: <http://blog.leeandlow.com/2013/04/30/books-for-children-with-autism-jay-and-ben/>

Sophie Brookover: (10:46) The Pleasant Company's Care & Keeping Of...series is excellent.

Vicki Wright: (10:48) Is there a particular book you'd recommend for life skills, like reading maps, using transport, money, etc.

Sophie Brookover: (10:48) oh, you bet!

Vicki Wright: (10:49) Amazing, can't wait to see it! that sounds perfect

Stephanie Smith: (10:50) any more childrens books about autsim like picture books?

Stephanie Smith: (10:50) awesome!!

Sophie Brookover: (10:50) I'll be happy to share -- thanks, Kiera!

Stephanie Smith: (10:50) thank you

Stephanie Smith: (10:59) how do you find parent groups

Susanna Chan: (11:00) PTO from your local schools.

Stephanie Smith: (11:00) okay great thanks!

Sophie Brookover: (11:04) I just pushed out the URL for you all

Stephanie Smith: (11:04) thank you

Sophie Brookover: (11:04) It should be in your browser behind this room.

Sophie Brookover: (11:04) :-)

Vicki Wright: (11:05) Thank you!

Sophie Brookover: (11:05) In fact, Meg Kolaya & Dan Weiss, who created that website, are here with us today!

Stephanie Smith: (11:06) would it be a pamphlet?

Stephanie Smith: (11:07) thanks okay!

Dan Weiss: (11:08) You could consider making your social story into a pdf and posting on your website as well

Stephanie Smith: (11:08) awesome!

Stephanie Smith: (11:12) what kind of fingerplays?

Sophie Brookover: (11:19) here it comes!

Stephanie Smith: (11:20) what can you do with play doh?

Vicki Wright: (11:22) i tend to not want to do fingerpainting because of the risk of messing up the children's clothes. Do you have parents dress their kids in play clothes as well as providing smocks?

Laura Frantz: (11:25) Do you call your program Sensory Storytime and Activity

Laura Frantz: (11:27) Do you limit the number of kids for each program

Sophie Brookover: (11:27) In case you have to leave right at 11:30, please complete the evaluation for today's program: <https://librarylinknj.wufoo.com/forms/serving-the-spectrum-evaluation/>

Laura Frantz: (11:27) thanks

Sophie Brookover: (11:28) Once you complete the evaluation, you'll be taken automatically to a page where you can download the CE certificate.

Laura Frantz: (11:28) have you ever done one at night

Sophie Brookover: (11:28) I'll bring in the pod where you can post questions anonymously if you prefer.

Ellie Strbo: (11:28) do you have any resources for programs for teens with autism?

Stephanie Smith: (11:28) I have already started an autism storytime but i have not had a lot of children come? What's your suggestion?

Linda Adens: (11:29) You are wonderful! Can't wait to begin planning. "Stealing" your Sensory Saturday name!

Laura Frantz: (11:29) This was great -- thanks for sharing all your info

Ellie Strbo: (11:29) thank you.

Sophie Brookover: (11:29) I'll be happy to share whatever you can send my way!

Linda Adens: (11:29) meant..Saturday!

Sophie Brookover: (11:30) I will also take a look at the YALSA website to see if they have materials to offer.

Amanda Spino: (11:30) Thank you!

Sophie Brookover: (11:30) And of course, Meg & Dan may have some advice for us, as well.

Brinda Patel: (11:30) Thank you. All the information and advice was really helpful!

Stephanie Smith: (11:30) Okay great! that definitely helps thank you!

Ellie Strbo: (11:31) actually, we have a group home of young adults with autism so that would be great.

Vicki Wright: (11:31) Thank you, Kiera, that was so helpful and informative.

Marissa Wolf: (11:32) thank you!

Marge Dombrosky: (11:32) Thank you. It was a very informative.

Stephanie Smith: (11:32) Thank you Kiera!

Susanna Chan: (11:32) Thank you.

Sophie Brookover: (11:32) <https://librarylinknj.wufoo.com/forms/serving-the-spectrum-evaluation/>

Megan Leuthner: (11:33) Thank you Kiera!

Ellie Strbo: (11:33) Thanks, Sophie and Kiera!

Gretchen Kaser: (11:33) Thank you, this was great!

Stephanie Smith: (11:33) Thank you!!

Malathi Parthasarathi: (11:33) Thank you very much!!!

Dan Weiss: (11:34) Thanks Kiera and Sophie

Kiera Parrott: (11:34) Thanks everyone! It's been a pleasure. :--)

Sophie Brookover: (11:34) Thanks for participating, everyone!

Michelle Yeager: (11:34) this was fantastic! thank you!

Sophie Brookover: (11:34) To contact Kiera, you can reach her at kparrott@darienlibrary.org

Sophie Brookover: (11:35) or on twitter as @libraryvoice

Sophie Brookover: (11:35) I'm going to close out the room now -- thanks for coming, everyone!

elena tsomaeva: (11:35) thank you