

“Welcoming Library Spaces for the Autism Community and Their Families.”

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“Welcoming Library Spaces for the Autism Community and Their Families” Programs are free and open to all, though we would appreciate a call or email if you plan to come. Please feel free to contact Carol Piersa, Media Specialist, *The Children's Institute* at cpiersa@tcischool.org/(973) 509-3050 x250, or, check out www.caldwellpl.org.

- **Saturday, March 29, 2008 BAGELS AND BOOKS!** - 9:00 a.m. - Bagels and Books! Looking to meet and talk with teachers, therapists, parents or other people who are interested in autistic spectrum disorders? Interested in finding books that might answer a question, or spark a thought or a discussion? Books suggestions can be found at www.caldwellpl.org, or, come with a book of your own choice. Come greet, meet and eat at the Caldwell Public Library on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Please bring your children, as child care will be provided.
- **Wednesday, April 2, 2008** On the day that has been designated by the United Nations as **World Autism Awareness Day**, please come experience “A DAY IN THE MUSIC: THE ELLINGTON LEGACY” - @ 6:30 p.m. and also hear from Kathy Flynn, co-producer of this documentary with Miriam Jerky. “A Day in the Music: The Ellington Legacy” is a documentary which features Edward Ellington and the Ellington Legacy band in a performance held at P.S. 37, a New York City public school for special education students. The video examines the extraordinary impact of Duke Ellington’s music on autistic students. In the video, Edward Ellington offers unique insights into the creative processes of his grandfather, Duke Ellington. He also talks about the history of jazz and its importance as an educational resource and learning tool. The P.S. 37 educators involved in this project describe how the educational materials developed and implemented center around the special needs and gifts of autistic students. The actual concert featuring Duke Ellington’s work is a special treat for students, teachers and viewers alike. “A Day in the Music: The Ellington Legacy” has been honored with video industry awards including two Telly Awards; the Communicator and the Videographer Awards. Feel free to bring your children, as child care will be provided.
- **Friday, June 13, 2008** Join us at 7 p.m. at the Caldwell Community Center as we welcome Helen A. Hoens, mother, wife and NJ Supreme Court Associate Justice. Her now-adult son, Charles, was diagnosed with autism at the age of 3. We are most grateful to Justice Hoens for sharing her stories and lessons learned from her son. Please bring your children, as child care will be provided.

Special programs for educators/library directors

- Friday, March 28, 2008 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. @ TCI – Join us as we view “Normal People Scare Me” a film about those with disabilities and how in life, they succeed, as well as struggle.
- Friday, May 16, 2008 The Duke Ellington Legacy Band will be performing at TCI during the school day for TCI students, families, faculty as well as representatives of nearby public libraries.