

Unlock a world of inclusivity with NLB's bi-monthly AccessAbility Newsletter - your guide to upcoming Accessible Programmes, must-read Accessible Collection recommendations, and exclusive insights into NLB's commitment to develop inclusive libraries.

Discover NLB's Accessible Programmes: Save the Date!



Talk on Wills for Persons with Disabilities and caregivers

Date: 14 June 2025 (Saturday)

Time: 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Venue: Punggol Regional Library, Programme Room, Level 5

Planning for the future can feel overwhelming, but it's one of the most important things we can do for peace of mind. Join us for a talk on Wills for Persons with Disabilities, organised in collaboration with the SMU Pro Bono Centre and the Enabling Service Hub (Punggol). This session will cover key legislation and practical guidance tailored specifically for PWDs and their caregivers.

Whether you're just starting to think about future care planning or looking to deepen your understanding of the legal landscape, this is a valuable opportunity to get clarity and ask questions in a supportive space.

Let's make sure you and your loved ones are well-prepared for the road ahead—secure your spot today!

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Unboxed: Beyond Tourette's

Date: 21 June 2025 (Saturday)

Time: 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

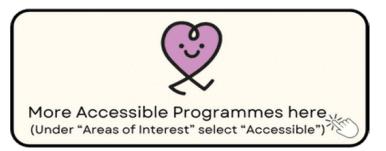
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How would you imagine someone living with Tourette as they cope with school life and peers?

This is a uniquely curated programme by Jia Yi who welcomes you to her world where she shares her personal experience as an individual with Tourette syndrome while trying to be an advocator while navigating obstacles in her everyday life.

Joining her are undergraduate students who feel that this is a cause worth supporting and have generously put in time and effort into building the script into a real play.

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Accessibility Highlights: Assistive Technology

As part of NLB's efforts to enhance Assistive Technology (AT) across our libraries, we are gradually rolling out large black-and-white key keyboards at all public libraries. In addition, trackballs will soon be introduced—stay tuned for updates!



High contrast keyboard and joystick

AT devices can assist library patrons with disabilities by making it easier for them to use our multimedia stations.

At Punggol Regional Library (PRL), a variety of AT devices are available to support diverse needs. These include high-contrast keyboards, large-key keyboards, trackballs and joysticks.

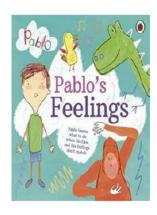
You can find these devices at selected multimedia stations on Level 4 and at all catalogue stations throughout the library. Additionally, a magnifier is available to enlarge text and images for patrons with visual impairments.



Magnifier and Text-to-Speech scans

Accessibility Collection: Featuring titles on Autism

The Accessible Collection at Punggol Regional Library Level 1 features 3,000 English books for children and adults with disabilities, their caregivers, and their communities. These include Braille books with text for those with visual impairment, social stories that help persons with disabilities learn what to expect and how to react in specific situations or settings, phonics readers to help patrons with language difficulties, and touch and feel books for people to learn through the sense of touch. There are also books for caregivers who want to learn about specific disabilities.



TURNAUTISM AUTISM AROUND An Action Guide for Parents of Young children with Early Signs of Autism MARY LYNCH BARBERA, 19.3. 18. 85842

Pablo's Feelings

By: Pablo

Collection: Early Literacy Accessible

Collection

Call No.: MAJ

Introducing our juvenile series, young readers will be provided with an insightful exploration of how expressions can often be misunderstood by children with autism. And in this book, it is through the eyes and feelings of the character, Pablo.

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Turn Autism Around: An Action Guide for Parents of Young Children with Early Signs of Autism

By: Mary Lynch Barbera & Temple

Grandin

Collection: Adults Health/Adult

Accessible

Call No.: 618.9285882 BAR [HEA]

The content emphasizes the importance of early intervention and empowers parents to implement strategies at home, even with minimal time commitment, to positively impact their child's development. It provides step-by-step instructions for various challenges which include potty training, feeding, and tantrums.

Besides Punggol Regional Library, we also have an extensive eBook collection!

Browse the eBook collection

Accessible Membership

Accessible Membership is open to persons with disabilities who are beneficiaries of eligible disability schemes and services funded by the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF), or who had attended or are currently attending government-funded Special Education (SPED) schools.

As an Accessible Member, you will be able to enjoy:

- A longer borrowing period (from 21 days to 42 days);
- A longer renewal period (from 21 days to 42 days);
- Free reservation of items (which costs \$1.58 per item); and
- Priority access to accessible features in Punggol Regional Library.

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Accessible Voices



PJ

Actor

As an avid reader, PJ had the opportunity to transform the stories he read to life by performing at our recent, signature event, "Out of the Ordinary". Taking on the character as a boy who explores the forest, ocean and outerspace with his neighbour Birdie, PJ captivated the audience through imaginative play and object puppetry. PJ's stunning



performance reaffirmed the purpose of the event where we celebrated the incredible artistry and talents of persons with disabilities (PWDs).

As echoed by PJ, he is grateful that libraries are transforming into spaces that encourage meaningful interactions between PWDs and the general public.

What you have missed

In celebration of SG60, it was a pleasure to have a live performance, "Journey Back in Time with Sang Nila Utama" with performers from Pathlight School. The students brought to life the legendary tale of Sang Nila Utama who named Singapore and the performance depicts the journey that he had experienced across stormy seas to a dazzling island where he encountered a mysterious creature that established local history. Members of the public and caregivers of the students joined in to support the performance which created the special arts ambience and left the participants and patrons with unique







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