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Feinberg, Sandra. Including Families of Children with Special Needs: a How-to-do-it Manual for Librarians. Rev. ed. Chicago: Neal-Schuman, an imprint of the American Library Association, 2014.

The book sets the tone for public library staff to be proactive community leaders in developing services and support to families with children of all abilities. The authors suggest that libraries provide multisensory and tactile materials (puzzles, puppets, toys, and cloth books), big books, and large-print editions and that they create resource centers with special collections and information and referral services for parents and professionals. The authors also explain how librarians can work with families to determine how existing programs can be adapted to the particular needs of special children. The exhaustive lists of resources range from government agencies and local support groups to electronic resources and bibliographies. While this valuable handbook is best read as a whole, each chapter could be a component for staff awareness, collection development, or information referral.

The Handheld Library: Mobile Technology and the Librarian. Santa Barbara, CA: Libraries Unlimited, an imprint of ABC-CLIO, LLC, 2013.

As technology continues to change in the blink of an eye, librarians cannot afford to be reluctant about embracing those changes. One such area that librarians need to be more cognizant about using to their advantage is mobile technology. The use of mobile devices has exploded recently, and for many library patrons, a smartphone or tablet is their preferred way of accessing and interacting with the library. This book takes a look at trends, offers advice on helping mobile users, discusses how to access content, and also touches on mobile reference services and mobile professional development. Charts, graphs, references, and a thorough index help illuminate the way forward for librarians who need an introduction on the ins and outs of using mobile technology in the library.

Kennedy, Marie R. Marketing Your Library's Electronic Resources: a How-to-do-it Manual for Librarians. Chicago: Neal-Schuman, an imprint of the American Library Association, 2013.

Public and academic libraries offering advanced electronic resources while trying to build visibility within the communities they serve often are hard pressed to implement effective communication strategies and marketing programs. This book offers research on and solutions to marketing and promotion of e-resources in an approachable and user-friendly way. Kennedy and LaGuardia guide readers through every step of developing, implementing, and evaluating marketing plans.

Stoltz, Dorothy. Every Child Ready for School: Helping Adults Inspire Young Children to Learn. Chicago: American Library Association, 2013.

Libraries have an incredible role in helping children develop a lifelong enjoyment of learning. This guide shows how Carroll County (Maryland) Public Library developed a program to train adults in promoting school readiness, with age-appropriate books, play materials, and learning opportunities.