

October – Inclusion Month at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library

Date	Time	Program
October 6	11:00a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Mane in Heaven Mini Horses - Visits with their lovable, miniature, therapy horses. The minis are trained to visit hospital patients, offering physical, mental and emotional fulfillment. Come enjoy these wonderful animals who wear gym shoes! Open to all abilities. DROP IN
October 9	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Early Intervention Playgroup - An inclusive playgroup for children who currently receive therapy services, ages 0-5. This unique playgroup offers opportunities for children to play while families meet and find support. Siblings welcome. Please contact the library if your party requires any special accommodations. Facilitated by Beth Deiter, speech-language pathologist.
October 10	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Special Needs Legal and Future Planning - Gain peace of mind by planning for the financial security of your loved one who has special needs. Brian and/or Benji Rubin will present this program for parents and guardians of individuals with special needs to begin the process of legal and future planning. Learn about government benefits, types of and appropriate uses of Special Needs Trusts, gifting, the impact of divorce and child support on government benefits, and many other topics of interest.
October 16	7:00 - 9:30 p.m.	Wider Lens: How to Dance in Ohio - An intimate portrait of the social struggles those with autism face, How to Dance in Ohio offers a humanizing look at the resilience of a group of teens and adults as they prepare for a formal dance. The film reevaluates the definition of normal, emphasizing the universal need to belong, connect and grow by celebrating every individual's unique path. Rated G, 89 minutes. A facilitated discussion will follow the film.
October 17	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Chicago Lighthouse North - A world-renowned non-profit organization serving the blind, visually impaired, disabled and Veteran communities, Chicago Lighthouse provides vision rehabilitation services, education, employment opportunities and assistive technology for people of all ages. Join Melissa Wittenberg, Senior Director of Chicago Lighthouse North in Glenview as she shares the array of programs and services including a state-of-the-art low vision care clinic, a retail store with cutting-edge assistive technology devices, and highlights programs for children and seniors.
October 17	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Job Seeking for People with Disabilities - Are you or someone you know a job seeker with a disability? Specialists from JVS Chicago will share valuable information for this audience, with tips for effective resumes, interview skills, and networking opportunities to connect to the right job.

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October 19	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Family Movie Night: Monsters, Inc. - A sensory friendly showing of Pixar's <i>Monsters, Inc.</i> For this screening the room will be lighter and the volume will be lower. Suitable for families with children of all abilities.
October 22	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Rights & Resources: The ADA - Join us to learn about the Americans with Disability Act, and how the protections apply to people with disabilities. Understand who and what the law covers and protects, as well as specific rights related to employment, public entities and access to private businesses. Equip for Equality presents this informational session. Registration not required, feel free to drop in.
October 27	3:30 – 4:15 p.m.	Sensory Storytime - A small-group program for children of all abilities, especially suited to those with autism spectrum disorders, sensory processing issues, or who are differently-abled. We will engage children through stories, sensory play and music in a warm and supportive setting. Day-of tickets limited to 12 children ages 3–8 and their families. Please contact the library if your party requires any special accommodations.
All Month		There will be a book display with an inclusion theme.
All Month, Monday – Friday	3:00 – 10:00 pm.	Come in any time the Hub is open and do service projects to make the world a better place a little bit at a time. Limit one service hour per visit. In October, we will make fidget blankets to be donated to local memory care facilities. Presented as part of Inclusion Awareness Month. For teens grades 7–12. DROP IN
All Month, Saturday - Sunday	12:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Come in any time the Hub is open and do service projects to make the world a better place a little bit at a time. Limit one service hour per visit. In October, we will make fidget blankets to be donated to local memory care facilities. Presented as part of Inclusion Awareness Month. For teens grades 7–12. DROP IN